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Guest Essay

Birding today: Better by far

by Jon Duerr

We often hear people (or ourselves) complain that birding is not as good as in the old days.

For me, the old days were the late 1950s and 1960s.

I strongly believe today is the period of great birding. I base this on three major points: Opportunity, attitude and mentorship.

I grew up and continue to live in St. Charles, Kane County. There were no forest preserves near me and parks were mowed playgrounds. Kane County had a forest preserve district but it amounted to fewer than 600 acres and was beyond bicycling range. There were a lot of traditional farms and farmland but they were private and only through the permission of the owner could one enter.

The prevailing attitude about the out of doors we mostly got from our parents and teachers. Nature was where one hunted, fished, gathered nuts and berries or avoided.

Kane County even paid bounties for crows (5 cents), hawks (10 cents) and foxes (an amazing $5). My gang of friends and I did most of our nature study along the sights of our shotguns. We did not meet people who studied birds.

I had the good fortune to meet Floyd Swink in 1959 and he gave me encouragement with botany, but bird watching was not discussed.

By that time, the chemical age had become well established with both synthetic pesticides and herbicides gaining wide acceptance. It was not uncommon to find a robin or grackle dying a trembling death in the front yard.

The change in birding came April 22, 1970, Earth Day. The celebration was enormous with thousands of people on college campuses, high schools and city halls proclaiming the time had come to take care of our environment. The news media covered it from coast to coast. The politicians at that time were stuck in the morass of the Vietnam War, racial tensions, and civil unrest but here was something they could do: Save ferns, frogs, and falcons. They jumped at it.

Politicians awarded grants to states and local governments to buy land. Ironically, the source of the money was the newly created off-shore oil drilling leases. Illinois DOC (now DNR), forest preserves, conservation districts, parks, and even cities got millions for land acquisition. Kane County alone went from approximately 900 acres in 1970 to more than 12,000 acres by the year 2000. Now there were public places to go birding.

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The public's attitude about nature began to change. Instead of only consuming the forests and prairies, people wanted to save them. They also demanded the government put a stop to pollution and take steps to protect the environment. People also sought out ways to study and enjoy the out of doors. Our nature clubs and groups swelled in size as people joined and new groups formed including the Illinois Ornithological Society.

Today, we are fortunate those few birders and nature zealots who did exist remained steadfast and gave guidance to the growing legion of birders, photographers and outdoor enthusiasts. In addition, new books, optics and tours evolved in response to the new attitude.

I really enjoy our present state of birding in Illinois and have no desire to go back to the 50s and 60s. I have pleasant memories of that time but I also remember the misery. I encourage everyone to enjoy the moment. Find pleasure in the birds and habitats of Illinois and spread the joy to others. Stay active in IOS.

— Jon Duerr is an IOS board member and the retired executive director of the Kane County Forest Preserve District. A forest preserve in Kane County has been named after him.

A note from the editor:

Remembering Arlo Raim through the eyes of others

Likely most of you did not know Arlo Raim, nor ever met him. Yet he was one of, if not the best, bird tracker in the world – and one of few who truly practiced conservation.

Raim (1943-2010), was tragically killed by a Canadian National Railway train on 20 August 2010 in Pratt's Wayne Woods, DuPage County. He died doing what he loved most — listening with headphones for a cardinal fitted with a radio transmitter. The death stunned those who worked closely with him.

I had heard about this quiet, eccentric man, even met him at a Middlefork River Valley Christmas Bird Count.

But it wasn't until I went to his memorial ceremony that I realized what a great loss Raim

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Matt McKim-Louder created this drawing of an Anhinga. Read his story in this issue on the first documented nesting record of Anhinga in Illinois, plus his research looking for Swainson's Warblers in Illinois. McKim-Louder received an IOS grant to help defray costs of his research. IOS appreciates his artistic, writing and scientific talents.

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Swainson's Warbler survey in southern Illinois suggests potential breeding

By Matt McKim-Louder and Jeffrey Hoover

Introduction

Commonly associated with large canebrakes (giant cane; *Arundinaria gigantean*), Swainson's Warblers (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*) are often difficult to observe within the densely vegetated bottomlands of the Southeastern United States (Brown and Dickson 1994). Due to the secretive nature of this species, accurate descriptions of breeding distributions are challenging to determine. Population trends derived from the North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) indicate Swainson's Warbler populations have likely decreased throughout the Mississippi Alluvial Plain (Hunter et al. 1993) and Midwestern United States (Thompson et al. 1993) over the past 40 years. Habitat loss and degradation of wet deciduous forests and large canebrakes have influenced population declines of this habitat specialist (Brown and Dickson 1994). Many populations on the northern edge of the species distribution (e.g. southern Illinois) have observed dramatic reductions or extirpation (Graves 2001). However, the warbler's secretive nature and preference for often inaccessible habitat make it likely that many individuals go undetected.

Although Swainson's Warbler was not known as a breeding species in Illinois until the 1950s, Eddleman et al. (1980) discovered 36 singing males while surveying the Cave Creek Valley in Jackson County. Subsequent searches within the valley revealed a population decline throughout the 1980's (Robinson 1996) and the species was consequently classified as state endangered and added to the list of Conservation Priority Birds as part of the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan (IWAP). With the last known breeding populations disappearing in the early 1990s (Kleen et al. 2004), individual observations in southern Illinois during 1991-2008 have been sporadic (Table 1). Given that observations have occurred recently in southern Illinois our primary objectives of this research were (1) to document the current distribution of Swainson's Warblers in southern Illinois; and (2) to determine the breeding status of located individuals.

Methods

Swainson's Warbler surveys were conducted within the Cache River State Natural Area, Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge (CCNWR), Shawnee National Forest (SNF), Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area and private properties located in the southern region of Illinois. Following the habitat characteristics of breeding Swainson' Warblers previously recorded in Illinois, southern Missouri and eastern Arkansas, we defined potentially suitable habitat as canebrakes or shrub thickets near water with high stem density resembling that of canebrakes (Eddleman et al. 1980, Brown et al. 2009). Specific suitable habitat patches surveyed were located by using historical breeding sites (Robinson 1996), infra-red maps produced during recent winter aerial surveys conducted by CCNWR, and searching for previously unknown canebrakes within floodplains and bottomlands of southern Illinois. A few canebrakes in SNF were surveyed by volunteers from the Shawnee Audubon Society.

Table 1

Date	Details	Location	Publication
2008 6 July – 27 August	1-2 males singing	Alexander County (Near Thebes)	M 18:1:35
2007 19 July	1 male heard	Johnson County	M 17:1:34
2005 6-8 May	Male photographed	Wabash County	M 14:4:156
2004 29 June – 5 July		Johnson County	M 14:1:36
2001 "summer"	Some evidence for breeding	Southern Illinois	M 11:1:37
1999 "summer"	Possibly heard	Pope County	M 9:1:36

A likely Swainson's Warbler nest was discovered 12 July 2009 in giant cane near where a male was singing. No eggs were found in the nest, nor was the warbler seen building it. *Photo by Matt McKim-Louder.*

At each canebrake located within the study areas, we used 5-minute call-playback surveys to determine the presence of Swainson's Warblers. Songs were broadcast adjacent to canebrakes using audio recordings provided by the Macaulay Library of Natural Sounds (Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ithaca, NY) and an MP3 player with portable speakers. Songs used were from a male recorded 28 April, 1957 in West Virginia (recordist: William W. H. Gunn) and chip notes used were from a different male recorded 7 April, 1981 in Louisiana (recordist: Theodore A. Parker III).

Nest searches were conducted with one to three people in appropriate nesting habitat (i.e. cane or dense vines) where male Swainson's Warblers were detected. For each bout of nest searching, searchers used behavioral cues and visual inspection of all nest-like objects to detect the presence of nesting activity.

Results

Song playback surveys of 115 distinct patches with suitable habitat throughout the southern Illinois study areas detected Swainson's Warblers in two specific patches (1.7% of total surveyed) during 19 May through 27 July 2009. Within these two specific patches, behavioral observations and nest searching resulted in:

Individual Accounts

On 2 June, 2009, while searching for canebrakes in a swamp located in southern Johnson County, the potential song of a Swainson's Warbler was heard about 200m from an observer's location. This individual was singing within a recently planted (< 10 years) IDNR forest regeneration plot with a tree density resembling the stem-density associated with most observed canebrakes. After using song playback, the bird was confirmed to be a male Swainson's Warbler and the bird repeatedly responded aggressively within close range (often < 4 m). A subsequent playback survey of the area and immediate vicinity on 12 June failed to detect the presence of the male. However, on 22 June, the same male (determined by distinctive song quality) was relocated without song playback about 100 m from the previous location in similar habitat.

Nest searching for this individual was conducted on 29 June and 15 July. On each visit, two researchers followed the singing male without playback for nearly four hours. No observations of a female or behaviors indicating nesting activity were detected. While observing this male foraging at close range, we heard the quiet "subsong", a barely audible variable warbling described as sounding similar to American Goldfinches (Carduelis tristis) (Brown and Dickson 1994). Although many nests of other species were located within this specific habitat, no putative Swainson's Warbler nest was located.

On 12 July, a singing male Swainson's Warbler previously located by volunteer Rhonda Rothrock of the Shawnee Audubon Society, was relocated in the SNF in Jackson County. Initially observed singing at a height of 5m in a tree adjacent to a large canebrake, the male moved into the canebrake after 5 minutes of unobstructed observation. Based on specific areas where the male repeatedly sang, we focused nest searching efforts in two areas within the canebrake. After about three hours of searching, we found a fairly bulky nest woven into center branches next to a cane stem 1m above ground (see photo). This inactive nest closely resembles the structure, size and location of a Swainson's Warbler nest (T. J. Benson pers. comm.). Shortly after we located the nest, the male flew directly over the nest and began singing rapidly. After following the male for another hour, we failed to detect additional potential nests or female Swainson's Warblers.

Upon returning to the probable Swainson's Warbler nest on 27 July, eggs or any new signs of activity at the nest were not detected. The male was singing about 150 m from this location and immediately responded to playback. The male responded to broadcasted call notes by chipping rapidly from the ground within 5m. This interaction attracted a family of Hooded Warblers (Wilsonia citrina) and a second Swainson's Warbler that also chipped loudly nearby. No intraspecific aggressive interactions were observed as the two Swainson's Warblers appeared to cooperatively chip near the playback. While the two birds chipped from the ground or low perches we were unable to identify any distinctive differences in appearance. After two minutes the birds dispersed in the same direction. Although the male continued to sing for the next hour, we were unable to relocate the second Swainson's Warbler or any other signs of breeding activity in the area.

Discussion

During this study only two male and one probable female Swainson's Warblers were detected in southern Illinois. Repeated observations and behavior suggest these individuals were actively defending territories throughout the summer and were not transients. Although we were unable to confirm breeding in either occupied habitat patch, the behavior, presence of a Swainson's Warbler pair and potential nest strongly suggests a breeding attempt in the SNF. A lack of intraspecific aggression or differential appearance between the Swainson's Warbler pair suggests the second (non-singing) individual was probably a female, however, by late July the possibility of a recently molted hatch-year bird or another male cannot be ruled out.

Swainson's Warblers continue to occur rarely (e.g., 1.7% of total patches surveyed in this study) in appropriate habitat and at very low densities in southern Illinois. Due to the elusive habits of this species and large home-range size (range 1.55 to 30.75 ha, mean = 9.38 ha) (Anich et al. 2009), some birds may not have responded to playback resulting in a significant bias. In 1992, however, similar survey methods used in southern Missouri, one of the nearest extant populations to Illinois, reported 29% of canebrakes were occupied by Swainson's Warblers (Thomas et al. 1996).

Why Swainson's Warblers are now exceedingly rare along the northern periphery of their historical breeding range remains unclear. Major factors potentially influencing the Swainson's Warbler population decline in southern Illinois include habitat loss and the negative effects of brood parasitism by the Brown-headed Cowbird (Molothrus ater). The habitat structure that once supported a Swainson's Warbler population in the 1970's has likely changed over time. Loss of suitable canebrakes in the Shawnee National Forest may have influenced Swainson's Warbler habitat selection decisions, therefore causing dispersal of some individuals. Habitat fragmentation in the Shawnee National Forest also increases the chance of brood parasitism by Brown-headed Cowbirds (Hoover et al. 2006). With low fledging success, 0.6 warbler offspring fledged when simultaneously raising a cowbird (Benson et al. 2010), the Swainson's Warbler population may have been dramatically affected by brood parasitism. Historically at low densities, Swainson's Warblers in Illinois may not be able to cope with the multiple effects of habitat alteration and cowbird parasitism.

Naturally ephemeral, canebrake habitat tends to wink in and out of existence over the course of several years or even decades as the forest canopy becomes more or less open. The canebrake where the pair of birds and nest were observed was particularly well-developed and was larger in area, greater in stem density, and taller than nearly all of the other canebrakes surveyed. A growing interest in managing for or promoting canebrakes in bottomland forests in southern Illinois will undoubtedly improve the chances of having several breeding pairs of Swainson's Warblers in Illinois in the future. The presence of these few territorial males provides some hope that if canebrakes increase in number and size in southern Illinois, then Swainson's Warbler numbers may increase. Moving forward we will continue to survey canebrakes each summer in an effort to better document the number of Swainson's Warblers on breeding territories each year and whether particular canebrakes are occupied across several consecutive years. This information will be important to the development and implementation of canebrake management and enhancement activities.

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Author's Note

Territorial male Swainson's Warblers returned to respective territories in both Johnson and Jackson counties during 2010. However, no nesting activity was observed in either location.

Specific Swainson's Warbler observation locations were intentionally omitted from this article in an attempt to help protect the probable nesting pair and possible future populations. Birders attempting to search for this species are asked to exercise discretion when using playback to locate this species in Illinois. The "Code of Birding Ethics" (American Birding Association) cautions birders to avoid advertising, using playback and, stressing rare and endangered birds, especially when nesting.

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First documented nesting record for Anhinga in Illinois

by Matt McKim-Louder

An adult Anhinga sits on a nest in Johnson County. 25 June 2009. *Photo by Matt McKim-Louder.*

Kennicott (1854) stated that the Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) was quite common in Illinois in June in the Cache River Bottoms near Cairo, and Cahn (1930) listed the Anhinga as a bird of the cypress swamps in southern Illinois. And Although described as a common summer resident in extreme southern Illinois during the late 1800s by Ridgway (1895), there are no specific records of Anhinga nesting in Illinois (Cory 1909; Bohlen 1989).

Following an apparent population decline, other observations over the following century were usually limited to sporadic single-day sightings. These relatively few observations led Robinson (1996) to classify Anhinga as "very rare" in southern Illinois. Most Anhingas seen in Illinois today are likely spring overmigrants and post-breeding wanderers from the closest known current breeding colonies in western Tennessee (Nicholson 1997).

However, given the above statements from Kennicott and Cahn, it should likely be no surprise that Illinois' first documented nesting for Anhinga came from the largest tract of cypress swamp in Illinois, along the Cache River.

On 1 May, 2009,several observers saw an Anhinga soaring over a bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) swamp adjacent to the Lower Cache River Acccss near Perks, Illinois (Stotz 2009). Similar to the few cxccedingly rare spring observations of Anhinga (Robinson 1996), this individual may have been regarded as an overmigrant. However, while walking near the Lower Cache River Access on 23 May, 2009 I watched a large black bird fly over the swamp. From the canoe launch, I was only able to observe the silhouette of the bird as it began to soar above the swamp. After a few moments, I noticed that the bird was followed by three other individuals. The long neck, long rectangular wings and long triangular tail of each bird led me to identify them as Anhingas. After about five minutes of circling, I detected two more individuals. All six birds continued to circle above the swamp for about ten minutes before soaring out of sight.

I returned to the Lower Cache River Access on the morning of 26 May and set out into Buttonland Swamp in a kayak. Within a few minutes, I observed three Anhingas flying just over the trees. Although these birds were much closer than my previous encounter, I was still only able to examine the silhouettes of each individual. Once I returned to the canoe launch, I was provided with fairly low and unobstructed views of two circling birds. This observation allowed me to finally discern plumage characteristics indicating that one bird had a dark neck (male) and the other had a tan neck (female). Over the next few months, multiple observers reported soaring Anhingas from the Lower Cache River Access and surrounding areas (Stotz 2009). Subsequent searches in Buttonland Swamp yielded no detection of nesting activity.

While conducting a Prothonotary Warbler (*Prothonotaria citrea*) survey by kayak in a large cypress-tupelo swamp located in Johnson Co. on 25 June, I saw a large dark bird take off from a low perch. I quietly followed it and was able to see the bird land on a low branch just over the water. With binoculars I was able to distinguish the tan neck and white wing coverts of an adult female Anhinga. I then began searching the area for signs of nesting and heard the distant sounds of a heron rookery. At the edge of this immense rookery, I observed the large stick nests of Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) and Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) within the tupelo (*Nyssa aquatic*) canopy. After moving approximately 20 m toward the interior of the rookery, I watched an Anhinga fly out of a tree where another perched in an

A young downy Anhinga perches on a tree in Johnson County. 14 July 2009. Notice that the tail rectrices are still not entirely emerged from their sheaths.
Photo by Matt McKim-Louder.

alert posture. Within the same tree, I noticed what appeared to be a large nest. This nest was about half the size of nearby heron and egret nests and constructed of different material (i.e. large dead leaves). With a little more searching, I found another leafy nest with an adult Anhinga incubating. I found a total of three nests that I believed were currently active (adults incubating or perched nearby) and two other potentially active nests all located on the periphery of the large heron rookery.

On the morning of 14 July, 2009, I returned to the Anhinga nests with Amber Albores and Jeff Hoover. Adult Anhingas circled and landed on nearby trees while we attempted to document the number of active nests. The first three Anhinga nests we located each contained at least one small chick. A chick with emerging tail and wing feathers was observed perched on a branch about five feet from nest number three. Chicks commonly perch on branches near the nest starting at week three (Frederick and Siegel-Causey 2000). We eventually confirmed the presence of five active Anhinga nests and located a sixth potential nest of unknown nesting status.

Editor's Note:

On 4 July 2010, at least 6 juvenile Anhingas were located together in a tree within a rookery in the same vicinity as the 2009 nesting. Based on the advanced plumage of these juveniles, nesting was initiated earlier this year. A report will follow in a future Meadowlark.

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Continued nesting of Mississippi Kite in Winnebago County

by Dan Williams

In 2008, a pair of Mississippi Kites (*Ictinia mississippiensis*) successfully nested and fledged a chick in Rockford (Williams 2009). In 2009, Mississippi Kites again returned to the neighborhood of the C. Henry Bloom School in Rockford, Winnebago County, and a pair nested successfully, again fledging one chick. Interestingly, two other kites were occasionally seen in the area, although only one nest was found. Here is a report regarding the 2009 nest.

On 17 May 2009, neighbors in the Bloom School area of Rockford saw and reported Mississippi Kites flying around their homes. Larry Balch saw up to four kites several times during the breeding season. The four included two adult males, an adult female, and a subadult female. At first, the birds were concentrated around Bloom School. Although the favorite perch tree from 2008 had fallen over in a storm in the late fall of 2008, the kites were frequently seen perched in another tree with dead limbs that was immediately adjacent to last year's perch tree.

By 4 July, a female was fairly regularly seen in the new perch tree, and two to four kites were seen over the park adjacent to the school, but we were unable to locate a nest in the area. On the morning of 5 July, we discovered many sticks from "bottle rockets" that had apparently been fired in, and from, the school parking lot overnight on 4 July. After that, no kites were seen for three days until I found a male bathing in a puddle in the school parking lot on 8 July.

For all of the remainder of July and most of August, various observers saw at least two adult kites (a male and a female) regularly in the Bloom School neighborhood, but, despite the frequent sightings, we were never able to close in on a nest site. Finally, on 28 August, Larry Balch heard a bird calling repeatedly from a tree for 15 minutes and, on 29 August, Larry and I were finally able to find a juvenile (the noisy caller) and the nest. We kept the kite family under observation for the next few weeks, during which time the juvenile was increasingly adept at flight. We also received periodic reports from a number of folks who came to look for kites and, seeing them, let us know what they saw, and where. We are very grateful to have received their reports. The kites were last reported on 16 September by John Bergstrom.

In 2008, an adult was last seen on 21 September and the juvenile on September 29. Assuming that this is the same adult pair, they succeeded in nesting and departing a week earlier, apparently with the juvenile in their company.

At the beginning of the spring, we asked that anyone seeing kites around Bloom School please refrain from posting on a listserve to protect the likely nest and to minimize disturbance to the birds and neighbors. We also suspected that the kites might nest in a differerent part of the neighborhood (they did) and, because this is a heavily residential area around a school, we didn't want to alarm the school authorities (they did call the police and report the license number of a car in the school parking lot in May--it was a birder) and the neighbors. We very much appreciate the cooperation of all of you who came to view the kites but refrained from posting. Since we were unable to locate the nest until the chick was fledged and very vocal, your restraint undoubtedly served to maintain tranquility in the neighborhood. When the nest was finally

A Missisippi Kite adult snatches a monarch near its nest in Winnegabo County. 4 September 2009.

Photo by Vic Berardi.

A Mississippi Kite juvenile flies near its nest in Winnebago County, 4 September 2009.
Photo by Vic Berardi.

located, the neighbors in the immediate area were very cooperative and friendly, and enjoyed the visitors and reports. One fellow even went to his computer, Googled Mississipi Kites, and came out with printed photos while we were out on the sidewalk in front of his house looking at the birds through a telescope. Another neighbor went so far as to get out his step ladder and offer it to a birder so that he could get a better angle to take a picture of a perched kite.

One puzzle remains regarding the adult male and subadult female. They were seen from time to time in July and into early August. Where they were on the other days is a mystery.

As of mid-August 2010, there were up to three adult male, one adult female and one subadult kites in the Bloom School neighborhood of Rockford. On 13 August 2010, Larry Balch located a nest with a chick in the school neighborhood. A pair of adults was regularly coming to feed the chick, which was fairly well-developed. As of this writing, the chick has now left the nest but is still in the area of the nest tree being fed by its parents. A report of a flying juvenile has been received, but has not been seen before or since the report . From the behavior of another pair of adults, we suspect a second nest but have not been successful in locating it yet.

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A Mississippi Kite adult and young perch on a tree in Winnebago County, 4 September 2009.
Photo by Vic Berardi.

American White Pelican adults and young.
Carroll County. 17 July 2009.
Photo by Steve Patterson/Illini Images

First successful nesting of American White Pelican in Illinois

by Russell Engelke and Steve Patterson

On 17 June 2009, staff from Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge discovered nesting American White Pelicans on a small island in Carroll County, Illinois (just west of Thomson, Illinois, in Pool 13 of the Mississippi River). Since pelicans are notoriously timid during nesting, we did not attempt a count, but did document at least six pelican chicks had hatched.

Subsequent trips to the island found an estimated 25 young pelicans had fledged from this colony.

After checking with Illinois DNR biologists, other federal biologists and Richard Bjorklund, we believe this constitutes the first successful documented nesting of American White Pelicans in Illinois. Three years prior, pelicans were found nesting on the Iowa side of the Mississippi River within 1/2 mile of these nests. These were reported in "North American Birds" as the first nesting pelicans in that state. In 2009, the Iowa colony fledged roughly 400 young.

Editor's Note: More than 100 nests with young of American White Pelicans were found on Woodruff Island in Carroll County the summer of 2010.

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An American White Pelican chick in its nest. Carroll County 17 June 2009.

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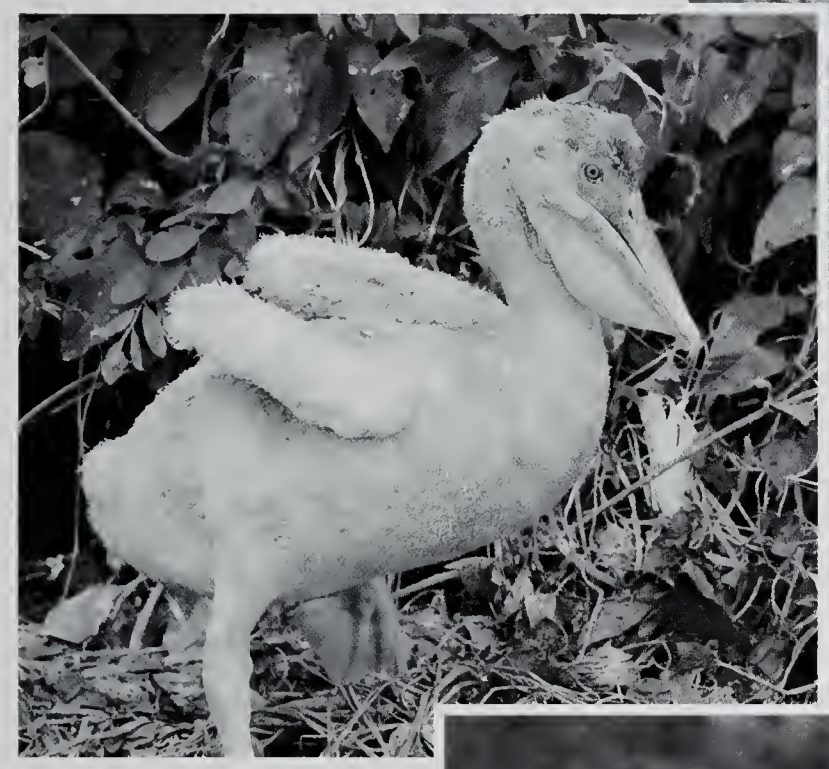

A growing American White Pelican chick. Carroll County. 17 July 2009.

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An American White Pelican chick sticks its head into its parent's pouch for a meal. Carroll County. 17 July 2009.

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Caspian Tern nests for first time in Illinois

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On 1 July 2009, Steve Huggins discovered a breeding colony of Caspian Terns (*Sterna caspia*) with at least 50 unfledged young atop a Chicago, Illinois building near Navy Pier, Cook County. Huggins told Douglas F. Stotz about his discovery, and Stotz visited the location on 6 July 2009 to find 230 adults, 13 young with black caps (possibly fledged), and 54 smaller young.

Huggins returned 9 July 2009 at lunchtime while working at the location to count 51 young on the roof and seven that had fallen off the roof and were being fed by adults on the grass near the building. In addition, Huggins saw five immature birds flying. The adult count was 172 with five or six birds that were apparently still incubating eggs. This sighting constitutes the first confirmed nesting of Caspian Terns in Illinois. The exact location is not being disclosed because it is on private property, which is strictly patrolled.

Historically, Caspian Terns have been considered regular migrants in small numbers through Illinois, even in the Chicago area. Nelson (1876) mentions a 9 June 1876 individual as being "very unusual" in the lateness of its appearance in the Chicago area. Nelson considered the species a migrant.

A few birds were suspected to have nested in Cook and Lake Counties in the late 1970s (Bohlen 1989). However, adults and young are already migrating by at least early July, with young still begging for food from their parents. During the late 1970s and afterward, few birds summered, with a maximum of perhaps, 10 birds, far lower than the numbers that now summer in Chicagoland.

Given the large numbers of these terns that have been summering in the Chicagoland area within the last decade, it was suspected that the species might be nesting on some offshore islet or manmade structure along the Chicago lakefront.

Indiana's first nests of this species were documented in East Chicago, Lake County, on 24 June 1997, fewer than five miles from Chicago and the Illinois state line. A minimum of 41 nests, 20 downy young and 137 adults were found nesting on the LTV Steel plant landfill directly adjacent to the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal along the edge of Lake Michigan (Brock and Castrale 1997). They were nesting with a colony of breeding Ring-billed Gulls. This colony increased to 248 tern nests with 100+ fledglings at the above, sole-known nesting site 8 June 2005 (Keller and Keller 2006). These terns appear to be increasing their numbers and breeding distribution in the region along with the ballooning gull population.

The Caspian Tern has gradually and steadily increased in Illinois from the eight individuals found at four Chicago locations in 1991 (Kleen 1992) and five there at four locations in 1996 (Kleen 1997). None were even reported there during the summers of 1993-95 (Kleen 1994, 1995, 1996).

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Northern Rough-winged Swallow builds nest on garage air-conditioning ducts

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For several days in July 2009, I had noticed Northern Rough-winged Swallows (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*) swooping around my garage doors when I would return from a drive. I initially thought they were hawking insects as they would often swoop over the backyard and driveway. This species has nested under the bridge several yards from my driveway for the past 30 years.

On 17 July 2009 as I opened my basement door leading to the garage, I saw an adult rough-wing in the garage, hovering near the ceiling, and twittering. After it left, I got on a ladder and looked into the area. There, in a shallow opening between the ceiling and some air-conditioning ducts, I could see some nesting material and at least three heads of nestlings. The area was dark, with a bit of light coming in from behind making photography difficult. I finally did get a photo of the nest but no adult coming to it. They were very wary and would not enter the garage, even when I got into my car to observe.

The next morning, as I opened the garage door, an adult came into the nest. It immediately fluttered around, calling agitatedly and then left. It did not return. The night before there had been unseasonably low temperatures. I do not know if the young might have died from exposure or something else, but the adult did not return to the nest during the remaining two hours I was home before going on vacation.

Rough-winged Swallow nest between ceiling and air-conditioning ducts. Georgetown, Vermilion County. 17 July 2009. Photo by Marilyn Campbell

A pair of Carolina Wrens had raised two broods in the garage earlier in the summer. Then they moved to the front perch deck. After finding the swallow nest, I am wondering if the wrens moved because of the swallows having usurped their territory.

Rough-wings are the only swallows which are usually found around my house because the area is too wooded for Barn Swallows. Rough-wings typically nest in cavities near water. I could find nothing in the literature about rough-wings nesting inside structures, but they do use cavities in man-made-structures.

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Caspian Tern Photos:

Steven J. Huggins took the photos, at left, of the Caspian Tern colony he discovered 1 July 2009 atop a Chicago Illinois building near Navy Pier, Cook County. The top photo depicts an adult and nestling/fledgling. The bottom photo shows an adult flying in to feed young.

Field Notes:
The 2009 Breeding Season

by Steven D. Bailey

Male Dickcissel photo taken 13 June 2009 at Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Champaign County by Ivan Petrov.

The weather

Weather coming into the peak of the nesting season was about normal with near-average May temperatures, although the precipitation for that month was above-average. The previous 12 months were the wettest on record (since 1895), and spring (March-May) was the fifth wettest on record. While the slightly above-average June temperatures (although early June was cooler than normal) likely benefitted fruits and insects eaten by passerines that depend on them for sustenance, the continued above-average rainfall in June was not likely as kind to nests with eggs and young, which survive better in warm, dry conditions. Portions of the lower Illinois and Mississippi Rivers crested above flood stages during June.

Severe weather was common during June, with 15 reports of tornados and widespread hail and wind damage throughout the month. The average air temperature for St. Charles in far northern Illinois was 68 degrees and 77 degrees at Carbondale in far southern Illinois.

July temperatures were well-below average. In fact, it was the coldest July on record for Illinois. The temperature in Wheaton (DuPage County) was 44 degrees on 5 July, the coldest temperature for the month. There were 33 reports of record low daily minimum temperatures as well as 218 reports of record low daily maximum temperatures statewide throughout July. To make matters worse (at least for the birds), precipitatation was above average. The lower Illinois River was above local flood stage for the beginning of the month. However, severe weather was otherwise minimal in July with six reports of tornados. It was the third wettest May-July period since 1895. This trend continued into August with well-below average temperatures and well-above average precipitation.

These weather patterns were likely not conducive to good nest success rates, at least where weather played a factor in their outcome. Joan Bruchman's loss of almost an entire colony of nestling Purple Martins at Lake Arlington likely played out over a large area in northeastern, and maybe much of northern Illinois during the severe cold snap in early July. Continual wet conditions likely did not help young in nests when parents left them unattended to gather food.

Continual high floodwaters along rivers like the Mississippi, Illinois and Ohio may be helpful to some species such as ducks and herons by providing more easily accessible food and more habitat, but can also hamper bird species that nest and forage along theses rivers. The endangered Least Tern more often than not is finding its nesting substrate along these rivers under water for much of the breeding season in Illinois. In addition, high water levels can inundate nesting areas for species such as bank-nesting swallows and kingfishers, literally washing them out of their nesting homes.

Still, the increased amounts of rain and higher water levels serve to recharge shrinking wetlands needed by Illinois's many rare marsh birds.

New Illinois breeding discoveries

Thanks to the work of professional biologists, as well as happenstance discoveries by individuals, three new species have now been added to the state's list of successful breeders. Biologists checking small islands in the Mississippi River, which already had been home to breeding herons and cormorants, discovered that American White Pelicans had recently colonized a second island near the Iowa border, this year on the Illinois side. And as multiple "vagrant" Anhingas lingered at the same locations into June, some including Matt McKim-Louder wondered: Could they possibly be nesting? McKim-Louder, a graduate student studying Prothonotary and Swainson's Warblers, canoed into a large cypress-tupelo swamp in Johnson County to check on the numbers of nesting herons in a longtime rookery. When he noticed a few leafy nests among the heron-topped stick nests, he discovered the "vagrant" Anhingas were all sitting on nests! The current closest breeding Anhingas are at Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee, although they had formerly nested at the north end of that lake in Kentucky until about 1950, also in a large heron rookery.

Lastly, while working at his job at a Chicago lakefront location, birdwatcher Steve Huggins noticed that a large number of white birds, likely gulls, were atop a lakefront building. Upon closer inspection, Huggins saw that they were Caspian Terns, not gulls. Better yet, many of the birds were juvenile nestlings, most not yet having fledged, and not yet capable of flight. Like several large Ring-billed Gull colonies found the last few years in the Chicagoland area, these terns had decided to nest on a rooftop instead of the rocky islands or beach front locations they normally choose. Ring-billed and Herring Gulls were also nesting and loafing on the same rooftop, and the terns likely followed the gulls' lead. Because large numbers of juvenile and adult Caspian Terns have been seen along the Chicago lakefront the past several summers, birders suspected the species was nesting nearby. In addition, a few nesting colonies were just north and south of Chicago in Indiana and Wisconsin.

There is no mention of breeding Caspian Terns or American White Pelicans in any of Illinois's oldest, historic ornithological literature including Kennicott (1854), Nelson (1876), and Ridgway (1889). In fact, these authors considered both of these species uncommon to rare in the state, but their numbers have increased rather dramatically fairly recently.

I added a few records into the field notes this season to show a few numbers of much smaller maximum counts for some species such as herons, swallows, hummingbirds, kingbirds, sandpipers and others. This was done to show that a good maximum count for certain species such as Great Egret, kingbirds, many of the swallows and a few others can be much lower in June, than it will be in July after the species have fledged young, families gather up and begin flocking in preparation for migration. Some of the maximum counts for these and other breeding species such as the Spotted Sandpipers likely include birds which have already migrated in from out of state. A count of 20 Rough-winged Swallows is locally impressive in June, but will be heavily trumped in mid to late July when flocks of these and about every other swallow can be seen along the utility lines or flying low over lakes like Chautauqua, Carlyle, Rend, and others, by the hundreds or even thousands. Likewise 20-50 Great Egrets are impressive just about anywhere until young, post-nesting dispersers, and groups taking advantage of a localized fish glut can swell numbers into the hundreds or even thousands in some areas. Lastly, Vern Kleen's amazing hummingbird congregations have been impressive the last few years where he goes to band, showing that what might simply appear as 10-15 birds coming to a few feeders, may actually be 100 (or considerably more), by identifying the numbers of such birds simply by placing bands on each one's legs. However, any count made in the field (by non-banders) is exceptional, even in the southern part of the state where they are more common, if one exceeds 5-10 birds.

I will also likely not report each and every Bald Eagle and Cooper's Hawk that is found after this year, and have done so the last couple years simply to show the extent to which their populations have rebounded since their once rare status in the state. Try to count more than 3 or 4 Cooper's Hawks in one day sometime...but they are just about everywhere if you can find them. Both species' breeding populations are likely better, or at least almost as good as their numbers were before DDT caused such a collapse in their populations. The same goes for my reporting of the increasing numbers of the ever northward expanding populations of Orchard Orioles and Blue Grosbeaks. Compared to the numbers reported of these birds even ten years ago, I think I have dramatically shown how they are increasing and expanding their ranges, especially in central and northern Illinois. All of these things have been done to show a clearer picture of Illinois's breeding bird populations.

Vagrants, especially southern dispersals

Possibly the best vagrant sighting of the summer was a very cooperative Tropical Kingbird, seen and photographed by many near Lake Carlyle. This bird was found and tentatively identified by a birding pipeline worker. He noticed the bird next to a cross-country pipeline, which was being installed How convenient! This makes one wonder how many such birds are out there, where the birders generally aren't. This bird was spending a lot of time eating mulberries, but when it was banded and identified to species, the kingbird appeared emacated. The berry-stained breast of this bird helped tell another story, that of its long and stressful migration. This species has a large distribution over Central and South America, barely entering the U.S. in the extreme southwest during summer. In its normal range, southernmost populations (in southern South America) are migratory, while those living farther northward are not, or little so. Most are austral migrants. It would be nice to know the provenance of this bird.

A recent study has found that some normally insectivorous birds in preparation for or during migration can consume up to three times their own body weight in berries. The study suggests that the birds seek berries with the most deeply colored pigments because they contain high amounts of antioxidants that can help protect the birds during long, stressful migrations.

Only about the third record for the state, a cooperative Royal Tern at LaSalle Lake put on a show for those lucky to get there in time to see it, and amazingly another one (the same individual?) had been seen about a hundred miles down river a couple days earlier. A more regular Illinois vagrant, the White-winged Dove was nicely photographed while coming to Ed Franks' backyard feeder. Franks, an ornithologist, is Professor Emeritus at Western Illinois University. Another vagrant, encountered yearly in Illinois, an adult male Rufous Hummingbird, was photographed and banded. Both species were detected on typical dates for these species. Another vagrant, the Brown Pelican was seen in several locations in the state—perhaps a record number of this species for one season were detected during the 2009 summer season.

Other birds common to the southern Gulf coast were found in Illinois during summer. Observers noted summering and post-nesting dispersing Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Neotropic Cormorant, White Ibis, and Roseate Spoonbill (all appearing for the second consecutive summer) as well as Mottled Duck and the previously mentioned Brown Pelican and Anhinga. Most/all of these species were also found this summer (and/or last summer) in nearby southern Indiana and southeastern Missouri, including Fulvous Whistling-Duck. Perhaps these species will become regular post-breeding wanderers to this state. Interestingly, the place where many of these birds were found this summer was the same area where historic sightings of the same species occurred, likely on a regular basis—in Monroe County, back when these species' numbers and the wetland acreage were much higher.

Other good finds included several lingering northern birds, mainly ducks—Bufflehead. Common Goldeneye, Common and Red-breasted Merganser, Surf Scoter and a beautiful, alternate-plumaged Horned Grebe, all in Chicago or other northern Illinois areas. Three, possibly four Western Grebes lingered, one until the end of the season in several areas of the state, likely a record number of individuals for summer in Illinois. A late July record Scissor-tailed Flycatcher apparently didn't involve a locally nesting bird.

Other rare/endangered nesting species

Exciting nesting species included the second consccutive year for the small and far northern, disjunct breeding Mississippi Kite colony in a residential arca of Rockford.

American Bitterns were found in increased locations compared to most years. Black Rails were also found for the second consecutive year, this time two at opposite ends of the state. One was photographed displaying aggressively and showing territorial/nest-defense behavior. A pair of state and federally endangered Piping Plovers attempted to nest at one of their last, previous breeding spots in the state, in Waukegan (last noted nesting there in 1973 and 1979). Due to potential human disturbance at this heavily used public beach, scientists collected and hatched the eggs at the Lincoln Park Zoo, with the young later released in Michigan. Black-necked Stilts continued their march across Illinois as a breeding species. New nesting birds were located in northern and central Illinois, with increasing breeding areas located in southern Illinois.

Other interesting finds of mostly state-endangered species include several Barn Owls in southern Ilinois found with nest boxes full of young. This species has likely become more common than records suggest, especially in southern Illinois, both possibly even in more northern areas of the state. Swainson's Hawks may be decreasing, even given their small breeding population, as active searching for breeding pairs turned up few birds. Another active search for Swainson's Warblers, partially aided by a $500 research grant by IOS, did produce a few singing males and possibly a breeding pair. Bewick's Wren was only located at its one known, annual Illinois nesting location. A single, singing male Painted Bunting was found again at its lone, known Illinois breeding location. A fair number of Black-billed Cuckoos (recently listed as state-threatened), mostly singletons, were found this summer, mostly in Chicagoland. The state-endangered Loggerhead Shrike continues to breed in small numbers at Lost Mound NWR, Midewin NTP, and in southeastern Illinois near the prairie-chicken refuges. The species none-the-less continues to disappear from many other long-held territories and still seemingly good habitat, and thus was recented upgraded from state-threatened. Will this species still be found in Illinois at the end of the following decade?

Interesting breeding and post-nesting dispersal patterns

American Crows seem to be slightly increasing or holding their own in their battle with West Nile Virus. Corvids and their relatives, in general, are particularly susceptible to the virus so Blue Jays as well as chickadees have also suffered. I am trying to keep track of maximum counts of these species in the field and encourage observers to keep regular counts of these birds and report them to the journal. I wonder if Illinois's relatively small Fish Crow population has declined significantly as well.

The massive winter invasion of Pine Siskin (both in Illinois, neighboring states, and points much farther south) resulted in numerous and widespread breeding evidence throughout Illinois, but especially in Chicagoland. There were likely more breeding siskins in Illinois this seaso, than I have witnessed in my 35+ years experience observing nesting birds in the state. Small and good sized flocks were also being encountered very late into the summer season at feeding stations, even in far southern Illinois. Although not as in evidence on the same scale, a number of Red-breasted Nuthatches were detected throughout the summer, but with no confirmed breeding. Some of each species were thought to be early fall "migrants", but keep in mind that when nesting this far south, both species' normal wintering range is usually much farher **north**, not south. So unlike most species migrating out of Illinois after nesting, these two species are heading north in late summer and early fall, not south. These species leave the north when cone crops are low and return when seeds become more plentiful.

About the only place in Illinois where it is relatively easy to detect migratory movements of bird species, even those considered mostly sedentary or partially migratory (Blue Jays, chickadees, etc.) is the Chicagoland lakefront. The latest of the late migrants can easily be found there, with some of the last individual gulls, flycatchers, warblers, thrushes, sparrows and others present at least until the first 10-15 days of June. Such late, migratory birds are only rarely ever found outside the Chicagoland lakefront, and then usually represent only a very few individual birds found with an extraordinary amount of birding time put forth. Because of this factor, some exceptional insights can be had regarding the regular, late-season migratory movements of species that are found along the lakefront. Some of these birds' movements (especially shorebirds and flycatchers) can be so late as to make it difficult to distinguish between a late, northbound arriving, boreal-nesting migrant and an early southbound, migrant in fall migration. Even the most experienced birder/ornithologist might have to flip a coin to determine which way a given bird is moving.

One has to wonder: Are some of these birds, found away from the lakefront parks (with little nesting habitat), actually trying to set up a territory and breed (e.g. Least and Alder Flycatchers, Blackthroated Green and Nashville Warblers, all of which have summered or attempted to breed in Illinois)? There were interesting examples this season of many especially late, boreal breeding flycatchers, thrushes, warblers and even sparrows that were found, for example, Dave Bohlen's mid-July Black-throated Green Warbler and Lincoln's Sparrow. Which way were those birds going? And what's up with Bob Hughes's end-of- July Prairie Warbler, Tufted Titmouse and Carolina Wren at Montrose or Paul Clyne's late July White-crowned Sparrow? Some of these birds, often termed summer wandering birds, are likely a result of one or more nesting failures and they may be looking for a better spot to try to nest the following year.

Other interesting birds such as Keith McMullen's mid-July Bobolink at Prairie Ridge SNA (where the species does not nest), and Bob Hughes's several sightings of Dickcissels (7 records) and Bobolinks (3 records) in early June through mid-July at Montrose (where neither species nests), serve as evidence of the continual, large-scale amount of mowing that goes on throughout these specie's breeding range in Illinois and elsewhere. When these birds' nests are destroyed by mowing, the species may head north or south early looking for a new breeding area to re-nest in or start south early on their long trip back to their southern South America wintering areas.

I once had a landowner/farmer proudly tell me that he could now get off four to five mowings of his hay fields each year, and I have noticed in my extensive statewide summer travels that first mowed fields can be seen in Illinois now as early as May, just as Boblinks and Dickcissels are building

their first nests. I have also seen flocks of 20 or more mostly adult Bobolinks in a field in early June, seemingly already flocking up to head south after another failed breeding season nesting attempt.

Very likely, there's a causal relationship between increased mowing (and a dramatic loss of habitat) and the declining numbers of these species, which is documented in USGS Breeding Bird Survey data.

As you will see in the 2009 breeding season field notes, Yellow-throated Warblers, Blue Grosbeaks, and Summer Tanagers continue to increase their breeding numbers farther north into Illinois and beyond. Many ornithologists have already made the fairly obvious correlation with global climate change. Personally, I was very excited to add Blue Grosbeak to my Lake County list by finding the first nest for the species in Lake County, no less!

Birdwatching is a lot of fun at any season, though many take the summer season off to gear up for the more exciting spring and fall migrations. However, all of our birds, even the common ones, exhibit some of their most interesting behaviors while they build and defend nests, feed young and prepare for their return flight to their wintering areas. In so doing, nesting birds can reveal information that we can use to help conserve the habitats they need to successfully reproduce, ensuring we have a great diversity of birds to watch during migration.

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ad(s)	= adult(s)	Apt	= Airport	OSL	= Open Space Lands
alt	= alternate plumage (breeding)	BBS	= USGS Breeding Bird Survey (Route)	Pk	= Park
				Pra	= Prairie
cop	= copulating	CA	= Conservation Area	Pr	= Preserve
et al.	= and other	Cem	= Cemetery	R	= River
F	= female(s)	Co(s)	= County(ies)	Rd	= Road
imm	= immature	CP	= County Park	SF	= State Forest
incl	= including	Crk	= Creek	Sl	= Slough
juv(s)	= juvenile(s)	FP	= Forest Preserve	SF&WA	= State Fish & Wildlife/Waterfowl Area
lg	= large	FS	= Field Station	SNA	= State Natural Area
M	= male(s)	H	= Harbor	So.	= South
m.ob.	= many observers	HA	= Habitat Area	SP	= State Park
*	= documented record	I	= Island	SRA	= State Recreation Area
ph	= photo(s)	L	= Lake	Twp	= Township
plum	= plumage	L&D	= Lock & Dam	WMA	= Wildlife Management Area
pr(s)	= pair(s)	M	= Marsh	Wds	= Woods
prop	= property	MOON	= Monitoring of Owls & Nightjars Project	WS	= Wildlife Sanctuary
pts	= points				
resp	= respectively	NA	= Natural Area	**LD**	= Latest Departure(s)
subad(s)	= subadult(s)	NC	= Nature Center	**MC**	= Maximum Count(s)
vid	= video	NHL	= National Historic Landmark	**COS**	= Chicago Ornithological Society field trip
w/	= with	No.	= North	**IOS**	= Illinois Ornithological Society field trip
yg	= young	NP	= Nature Preserve	**NBSO**	= Non-Breeding Summer Occurrence
		NWR	= National Wildlife Refuge		

AllertonPk = Allerton Park (Piatt Co)
AlmondMarsh = Almond Marsh Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
AmnBot = American Bottoms (Monroe County)
ArcolaM = Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co)
Athens_ = Athens BBS (Menard Co)
Baker'sL = Baker's Lake, Barrington (Cook Co)
BaldwinL = Baldwin Lake (Randolph/St. Clair Co)
BannerMarsh = Banner Marsh (Fulton & Peoria Cos)
Beaucoup_ = Beaucoup BBS (Washington, Clinton Cos)
BeaverdamL_ = Beaverdam Lake BBS (Pope Co)
Belknap_ = Belknap BBS (Johnson Co)
BraidwoodL = Braidwood Lake (Will Co)
BurntPrairie_ = Burnt Prairie BBS (White Co)
BuseyWds = Busey Woods Pk, Urbana (Champaign Co)
BusseWds = Busse Woods Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
CampPoint_ = Camp Point BBS (Adams Co)
Cap Sauers = Cap Sauers Holdings Nature Preserve (Cook Co)
CarlL-C = Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co)
CarlL-F = Carlyle Lake (Fayette Co)
CBG = Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)
Champaign = Champaign (Champaign Co)
Chau = Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
Chi = Chicago--excl. Jackson Park, Lincoln & Grant Parks & Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
ColesCo Apt = Coles County Airport (Mattoon, Coles Co)
COLSP = Chain-O-Lakes State Park (Lake Co)
Columbia_ = Columbia BBS (Monroe/St. Clair Cos)
ConnerL = Conner Lake (Monroe Co)
COR = Chain-of-Rocks (Madison Co)
CRSNA = Cache River State Natural Area (Johnson Co)
CrystalLk = Crystal Lake Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
CWRP = Calumet Water Reclamation Plant (Cook Co)
DeerGrove = Deer Grove (West or East) Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
DogtoothI = Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co)
Dudleyville_ = Dudleyville BBS (Bond Co)
DYNL = Dick Young/Nelson Lake Forest Preserve (Kane Co)
ECapeGir = East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co)
EForkL = East Fork Lake, Olney (Richland Co)
Emiquon = The Nature Conservancy Emiquon Preserve (Fulton Co)
ESTL = E. St. Louis (St Clair Co)
Fairbury_ = Fairbury BBS (Livingston/Ford Cos)
Fermi = Fermilab (Du Page Co)
FerneClyffe = Ferne Clyffe State Park (Johnson Co)
FGP = Forest Glen Preserve (Vermilion Co)
GLNTC = Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)
GLPSP = Goose Lake Prairie State Park (Grundy Co)
GreeneVal = Greene Valley Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
GreenR = Green River State Wildlife Area (Lee Co)
Guzy Pra = Margaret Guzy Pothole Wetlands Nature Preserve (Shelby Co)
HennepinL = Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)
HerrickL = Herrick Lake Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
HGC = Harborside International Golf Course, @ LCal (Cook Co)
HL = Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
HLCA = Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
HomerL = Homer Lake Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
IBSP = Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
ICCA = Iroquois County Conservation Area (Iroquois Co)
Jamestown_ = Jamestown BBS (Clinton/Madison Cos)
Jarvis = Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Lincoln Pk, Chicago (Cook Co)
JP = Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)
JPPSP = James "Pate" Phillip (Tri-County) State Park (Cook, DuPage, Kane Cos)
Kankakee = Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
KankakeePks = LeVasseur Park/Perry Farm Park (Kankakee Co)
KankakeeR SP = Kankakee River State Park (Kankakee County)
KCP = Kennekuk Cove County Park (Vermilion Co)
Kell_ = Kell BBS (Marion Co)
KSP = Kickapoo State Park (Vermilion Co)
KLMSNA = Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area (Monroe Co)
Lakewd = Lakewood Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
LaSalleL = LaSalle Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (LaSalle Co)
LCal = Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
LDDP = Lake Decatur dredge ponds (Macon Co)
LSummerset_ = Lake Summerset BBS (Stephenson Co)
LOWFP = Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
LostMound = Lost Mound NWR (former Savanna Army Depot) (Jo Daviess Co)
LowdMil = Lowden-Miller State Forest (Ogle Co)
LRen = Lake Renwick (Will Co)
LShel = Lake Shelbyville (Moultrie Co)
L&D 13 = Lock & Dam 13, Mississippi River (Whiteside Co)
Martinsville_ = Martinsville BBS (Clark/Crawford Cos)
MArb = Morton Arboretum (DuPage County)
Maz/Braid = Mazonia/Braidwood State Fish & Wildlife Area (Grundy/Will/Kankakee Cos)
MBC = Mackinaw Bluffs Corridor (Woodford Co)
McGinnisSl = McGinnis Slough (s.w. Cook Co)
MeadbrkPk = Meadowbrook Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
MermetL = Mermet Lake Conservation Area (Massac Co)
Midewin = Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
Mid Meadows = Midlothian Meadows Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
MidSav = Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
MidFork = Middle Fork River Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
Milford_ = Milford BBS (Iroquois/Vermilion Cos)
Miller-And = Miller-Anderson Woods Nature Preserve (Bureau Co)
Mill Creek_ = Mill Creek BBS (Ogle/Carroll Co)
MlrMdw = Miller Meadow, Maywood (Cook Co)
MissPalis = Mississippi Palisades State Park (Carroll Co)
MomenceWet = Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co)
Monticello_ = Monticello BBS (Piatt/Moultrie Cos)

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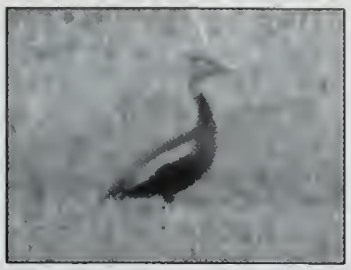


Black-bellied Whistling-Duck.
Bischoff Road, Madison County.
2 June 2009.
Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK

NBSO:Emiquon (ThompsonL)(4 & 2), 28 Jun & 2 Jul resp (KBR); HL, 31 May - 15 Jun (FRH ph, DMK ph, GN ph m.ob.); Grand Tower (Jackson Co) (2), 24 Jun (JWW, MPW).

Snow Goose

NBSO: HL (ad white morph & imm bluc morph), 12 Jul thru period (FRH); CarlL-C (5, injured, w/2 thru 12 Jul & one 30 Jul), 21 Jun (DMK); Keyesport (Clinton Co) (3, injured), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); Greenville (Bond Co) (5, injured), 27 Jul (DMK); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (2, injured) (DMK, MSS).

Canada Goose

Breeding: SpgBlf (ad on nest), 5 Apr (EWW); WinthropH (pr w/9 goslings), 26 Apr (EWW); RollinsSav (ad on nest), 9 Apr (EWW); SpringCrk (ad on nest), 14 Mar (JV, JP); PaulDouglas (ads on 2 nests), 4 Apr (ABA); BeckL FP (Cook Co) (2 "new" families w/4 & 6 yg & 3rd ad on nest), 23 Apr (ABA); Air Station Pra (Cook Co) (ad on nest w/8+ eggs), 25 Apr (ABA); WampumL FP (Cook Co) (pr w/6 yg) (ABA); Rosemont (Cook Co) (prs w/3,4, & 6 yg), 8 Jun (ABA); Butterfield Crk Wetland (Cook Co) (4 families w/2,2,2, & 6 yg), 9 Jun (ABA); Des Plaines Riverwalk (Cook Co) (families w/2,4 & 5 yg), 23 Jul (ABA); NoP (one brood of yg), 6 May, 2+ broods of 6 & 7 yg, 20 May & groups of 10 & 13 yg, 10 Jun (GAW); JP (1st brood of 3 on 1 May) (KMC), w/~30 yg noted overall (PRC); SCH (ad on nest), 14 Mar (JV, JP); Buttonbush Sl (Cook Co) (F's incubating atop 2 nests on muskrat lodges), 21 Apr (SDB); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (ad incubating on nest), 4 May (SDB); Monee (Will Co) (pr w/4 goslings & female @ nest incubating 7 eggs atop muskrat lodge), 22 Apr (SDB); BraidwoodL (ad w/yg), 28 Apr (JHH); Guzy Pra (3 yg), 21 Jun (TAM); Champaign (ad incubating on nest in parking lot), 9 Apr (SDB); KLMSNA (pr w/11 goslings) & ConnerL (pr w/9 goslings), 11 & 15 Jun resp (C&PD); HL (15 yg), 6 Jun (KAM). **MC**: 155, NoP, 18 Jun (GAW); 150, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 148, *Monroe*, 11 Jul (DMK, MSS); 106, LCal (WolfLk) (ad & yg), 12 Jun (WJM); 72, Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co), 30 May (SDB). **Note**: An egg-oiling project in JP was less successful than in previous years (PRC).

Mute Swan

Breeding: RedwingSl (4 pr, 3 w/1, 2 & 3 cygnets), 11 Jun – 7 Jul (SDB); RollinsSav (nest), 9 Apr & pr w/4 yg 25 May (EWW); L Marie (Lake Co) (nest), 15 May (EWW); Lakewd (pr w/2-3 cygnets), 10 Jun (SDB); Cuba M FP (Lake Co) (pr w/3 cygnets), 7 Aug (B&Bl); LCal (incl Wm Powers F&WA, Eggers Grove FP, Powderhorn L FP, Deadstick Pond, HGC & HegewischM) (7 nests & 7 broods of 21 yg & ad on nest), 2 Apr – 6 Aug (WJM); LRen (ad on nest), 24 Apr (KK); Spfld (6 yg), 9 May – 31 Jul (VMK). **MC**: 30, SpringL SF&WA (Tazewell Co) (REF, KDF, UWG); 25 (ad), LCal (WolfL), 12 Jun (WJM); 14, RedwingSl, see above; 9, RollinsSav, 6 Jun (DRD et al.). **Others**: Lakemoor (McHenry Co) (3 ad), 11 Jun (SDB); COLSP (pr), 4 Jun (EWW); Channahon (Will Co) (pr on territory), 21 Mar (EWW); HL, 21 Jun (FRH).

Trumpeter Swan

Breeding: Two nests fledged 5 & 2 yg, south & north (resp) of Savanna (Carroll Co) 15 Jul (Russell Engelke, VMK). Pr w/females on nests @ original nesting locale on south edge of Savanna & "new" 2nd pr at Upper SpringL, 16 May (EWW). ; McGinnisSl (2 ad w/2 cygnets), 19 Jul (WSS). Only the 2nd area in state with confirmation of this breeding species.

Wood Duck

Breeding: Nygren Wetland Pr (Winnebago Co) (F w/4 very young chicks),

Abbreviations, continued:

Montrose	= Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
MRB	= Mississippi River Blufflands (Monroe Co)
MSF&WA	= Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area (Vermilion Co)
Nachusa	= Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co)
NoP	= North Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
NPM	= North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)
Palos	= Palos area (s.w. Cook Co)
PaulDouglas	= Paul Douglas Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Pembroke Twp	= Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co)
PlumCrk	= Plum Creek Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Pomona	= Pomona (Jackson Co)
Pontiac_	= Pontiac BBS (Livingston Co)
Pratt'sWW	= Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
PrRdg-J	= Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
PrRdg-M	= Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Marion Co)
Pulaski_	= Pulaski BBS (Pulaski/Alexander Cos)
RedwingSl	= Redwing Slough State Natural Area (Lake Co)
RendL	= Rend Lake (Jefferson Co)
RiverBend	= River Bend Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
RockCut	= Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
Rckfd	= Rockford (Winnebago Co)
RollinsSav	= Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
St. Morgan_	= St. Morgan BBS (Madison Co)
Sang	= Sangamon Co
SantaFe	= Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co)
SCH	= Spring Creek Headwaters Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
SFPK	= Sauer Family Prairie Kame Forest Preserve (Kane County)
SiloamSpr	= Siloam Springs State Park (Adams Co)
SNF	= Shawnee National Forest (various counties)
SongbirdSl	= Songbird Slough Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
Spfld	= Springfield (Sangamon Co)
SpgBlf	= Spring Bluff Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
SpringCrk	= Spring Creek Headwaters Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
StarvedRock	= Starved Rock State Park (LaSalle County)
Stillwell_	= Stillwell BBS (Hancock Co)
SwallowCliff	= Swallow Cliff Woods Forest Preserve (Palos, Cook Co)
TOT	= Trail of Tears SF (Union Co)
TwoRivers	= Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge (Calhoun Co)
UCCA	= Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
UMRNWR	= Upper Mississippi River NWR (Carroll Co)
Urbana	= Urbana (Champaign Co)
WaterfallGlen	= Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve (Du Page Co)
Waynesville_	= Waynesville BBS (McLean Co)
WinthropH	= Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)
179th /Cen	= 179th & Central Rds Forest Preserve, Country Club Hills (Cook Co)

A number in parentheses ( ) indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds. Place names given in *italic type* are counties. The sequence of records within species accounts, except for maximum counts, begin in northwest Illinois (Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties), proceed to the east, then continue back and forth across the state in a systematic pattern with the southernmost records at the end.

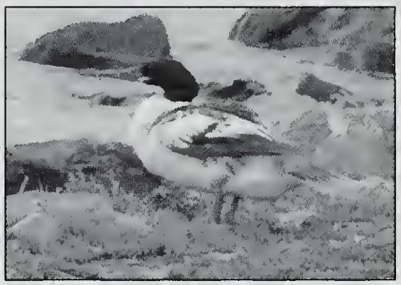
Transparent directionals (n.=north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.), and including c.= central, are used where applicable. Words referring to natural features are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus Forest Park, Fall Creek, Garden Prairie, etc.).

Headings for species requiring IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are underlined, while those for species requiring review of all records are CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets []. The IORC review list can be viewed at the IOS/IORC website, http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html. Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are underlined and boldfaced, and some further editorial remarks are boldfaced.

Remarks on the historical significance of records aim to be valid for the corpus of data published in H. David Bohlen's 1989 Birds of Illinois and the seasonal summeries in the Illinois journals Illinois Birds and Birding (summer 1984 – spring 1991) and Meadowlark (summer 1991 – present). Data from other sources may have bearing on the validity of these remarks.

The 2003 DeLorme Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer has been used as a standard for spelling of place names for sites included therein.

18 Jul (DTW); GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (22 incl 18 yg), 14 Jul (BJS); JP (late 1st broods of 3 & 10 on 27 Jun (KMC), w/brood of 4 yg on 1 Jul (PRC). West DuPage Wds FP (DuPage Co) (ad w/2 yg), 28 Jun (UWG); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co) (F w/7 yg), 9 Jun & (F w/9 yg), 21 Jul (SG); Des Plaines Riverwalk (Cook Co) (F w/6 yg), 3 Aug (ABA); PlumCrk (pr w/juv), 10 Jun (but 5 pr there 9 May) (ABA); NoP (brood of 11 yg), 3 May & groups of 3,3,4 & 5 yg, 10 Jun (GAW); Coal City Sewage Ponds (Grundy Co) (2 broods), 4 Jul (DFS); KankakeeR SP (F w/6 small yg & F w/brood), 13 Jun (GS ph); KankakeePks, some yg, Jun (JHH); MBC (F w/9 yg), 5 Aug (MEF); Emiquon (F w/broods of 4 & 14), 1 Jul (JW); Fayetteville Twp (St. Clair Co) (5 ad w/ broods of 6, 7, & 8 yg), 28 Jun (TD); AmnBot (Fs w/3 & 9 chicks), 11 Jul (C&PD); Ware (Union Co) (ad w/12 yg), 20 Jun (KAM, COS); Grassey Sl Pr (Johnson Co) (ad w/10 yg), 21 Jun (KAM, COS). **MC**: 120, SantaFe, 31 Jul (DMK); 109, *JoDaviess*, 4 Jul (CAT, TLK); 75, *St. Clair*, 30 Jul (KAM); 60, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 29 (mostly juvs), Salamander Springs OSL (Kane Co), 25 Jul (RCR, NPB); 23, 6 May & 18 Jun (GAW). **Other**: Mid Meadows (6 pr), 9 Jun (ABA). **Note:** Late season counts suggested very high brood mortality at JP (PRC).



Common Goldeneye, Wolf Lake, Cook County. 12 June 2009. Photo by Walter J. Marcisz.

Common Merganser, La Salle Lake, La Salle County. 10 July 2009. Photo by Geoff Williamson.

Ruddy Duck. Horseshoe Lake, Madison County. 27 July 2009. Photo by Frank Holmes.

Gadwall

Breeding: RollinsSav (12 ad w/22 yg), see below; HGC (F w/ 4 yg), 11 Jul (GN ph, JRRS, KKM). **MC**: 34, RollinsSav, 28 Jun (JRRS, GN). **Others**: AlmondMarsh (pr), 6 Jun (JRS); CWRP (3 ad), 14-28 Jun (WJM); HGC, 3 Jun (WJM); Emiquon (ThompsonL), 9 Jun (MJB); Farina Wetland (Fayette Co) (2), 19 Jun (SDB); *Monroe* (F), 27 Jun (DMK, MSS).

American Wigeon

NBSO: HL (M), 20 Jul (FRH); KLMSNA (2 M), 2 - 20 Jul (DMK, MSS, CLH et al.).

American Black Duck

NBSO: *Monroe* (Bottom Rd), 31 Jul (TAM).

Mallard

Breeding: JPPSP (F w/12 juvs), 28 Jul (BD); Wheaton (DuPage Co) (nest in yard likely predated by raccoon), 5 Jun (LC); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (F w/3 imm), 1 Aug (ABA); SongbirdSl (F w/7 imm), 21 Aug (BS); Wood Dale Grove FP (DuPage Co) (Fs w/1 & 6 juvs), 1 Jul (ABA); Midlothian Reservoir (Cook Co) (F w/3 juv), 9 Jun (ABA); Des Plaines Riverwalk (Cook Co) (F w/11 juv), 23 Jul & (F w/3 imm) 3 Aug (same family?) (ABA); Chi (Humboldt Pk) (F on nest), 6 Mar (ABA); Wildwood NC (Park Ridge, Cook Co) (F w/4 recently hatched yg), 1 May (ABA); Bode Lakes FP (Cook Co) (F w/3 juv & pr w/3 imm), 20 Jun (SS); NoP (brood of 6, 3 May & broods of 5 & 6, 18 Jun & brood of yg, 22 Jul (GAW); JP (nest w/10 eggs & brood of 9 newly hatched yg on 9 May), w/broods of 5 & 6 yg, 1 Jul (PRC). Several other broods but mortality evidently very high @ JP; South Green Belt FP (Rich Twp, Cook Co) (F giving broken wing distraction display), 29 May & (F w/7 yg), 30 May (SDB); Coal City Sewage Ponds (Grundy Co) (2 broods), 4 Jul (DFS); KankakeePks, some yg, Jun (JHH); Fayetteville Twp (St. Clair Co) (11 ad w/3 yg), 28 Jun (TD); PrRdg-J (Zumbahlen Wetland) (F w/12 yg), 4 Jun CLH); Chauncey M (Lawrence Co) (25+ birds w/2+ broods), 7 Jun (CLH); HL (17 yg), 6 Jun (KAM). **MC**: 200, CarlL-C, 30-31 Jul (DMK, MSS); 80, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 66 & 64, NoP, 3 May & 15 Jul (GAW); 60, Canteen Crk (Madison Co), 21 Jun (DMK); 60, KLMSNA, 15 Jul (DMK, MSS); 60, SantaFe, 1-4 Jul (DMK, MSS); 60, WabashR (Wabash Co), 14 Jul (DMK, MSS, CLH); 46, JP, 1 Jul (PRC).

MOTTLED DUCK

NBSO: KLMSNA, 15 Jul (DMK ph, MSS, CD); SantaFe, 30 Jul (DMK ph, MSS et al.).

Blue-winged Teal

Breeding: RollinsSav (5 family groups w/34 yg), 1 Aug (EWW); Elburn FP (Kane Co) (ad w/juvs), 18 Jul (DJS); PaulDouglas (brood of 6), 17 Jul (CSF); Air Station Pra (Cook Co) (F w/juv), 21 Jul (SG); Double-T SF&WA (Fulton Co) (F w/7 chicks), 9 Jun (MJB); Guzy Pra (2M), 20 Jun but (10 incl family group), 26 Jul (TAM, MFD, TDF, RF); PrRdg-J (F w/5 yg), 4 Jun (CLH); Farina (Fayette Co) (F on nest), 23 Jun (CLH); PrRdg-J (Zumbahlen Wetland) (F w/5 yg), 4 Jun CLH). **MC**: 30 (21 M), RollinsSav, 25 May (EWW); 13, SpgBlf, 13 Jun (EWW); 11, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 11 Jun (DMK); 9, Annawan (Henry Co), 13 Jun (EWW); 9, Farina (Fayette Co), 13 Jun (DMK, MSS); 8, SFPK, 27 Jun (ABH et al.); 8, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 6 (M), Sand Pra HA (Lee Co), 13 Jun (EWW). **Others**: RedwingSl (5), 14 Jun (SDB); MidSav (pr), 10 Jun (KF); Prairie Green Wetlands (Geneva, Kane Co) (pr), 7 Jun (JHn); Aurora (Kane Co) (2), 5 Jun (DJS); Tinley Crk Wetlands FP (Cook Co) (pr), 9 Jun (WJM, DRr); 179th/Cen (pr), 9 Jun (ABA); JP (pr; late migrants?), 14 Jun (PRC); South Green Belt FP (Rich Twp, Cook Co) (2 M), 30 May & (ad F & yg?), 26 Jun (SDB); GreenR (5), 6 Jun (VMK et al.); Midewin (2), 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); Coal City Sewage Ponds (Grundy Co) (F), 4 Jul (DFS); Kankakee (North St Wetlands) (2&7), 18&20 Jul resp (JHH); Emiquon (6; 4 M, 2F), 7 Jun (LLH); HL (M), 1 Jul (FRH); Fayetteville Twp (St. Clair Co) (possible nesting pr), 21 Jul (TD); HL (M), 1 Jul (FRH); Russellville (Lawrence Co) (4), 7 Jun (CLH); Mt. Erie Twp (Wayne Co) (4 M), 6 Jun (CLH); *Madison*, 2 Jun (KAM).

Northern Shoveler

RollinsSav (M), 25 May (EWW); Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (F type), 3 Jul (MJB); Normandy (Bureau Co) (M), 13 Jun (EWW); Emiquon, 9 Jun & 3 Jul (MJB & UWG resp); Sang (molting M), 2 Jul (HDB); Farina Wetland (Fayette Co) (M & F), 9-23 Jun (CLH) & (M) 30 Jun (SDB, SLD).

Northern Pintail

Coal City Sewage Ponds (Grundy Co) (F), late Jun (DFS).

Green-winged Teal

MC: 7, Peacock M (Bolingbrook, Will Co), 1 Jul (REF). **Others**: RollinsSav (2 M), 25 May (EWW); Tinley Crk Wetlands FP (Cook Co) (M), 9 Jun (ABA, WJM ph, DRr); CWRP (M), 14 Jun (WJM); Bolingbrook (Will Co) (a few), 3 Jul (UWG); *LaSalle*, 9 Jul (CAT, TLK); Sang (alt plumaged M on 4 & 5 Jul and basic plumaged M 12 Jul) (HDB).
NBSO: CBG (M&F), 26 Jul (SG, DP).

Canvasback

Emiquon (M), 25 Jun (REF, KDF, JAS) & 9 Aug (MJB, KBR); TwoRivers (F), 25 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Redhead

GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (8, 5 M), 29 May (EWW). Nested at this location in 2008, and may have attempted breeding this year; Moraine View SP (McLean Co), 13 Jun (K & S Sloter ph fide MEF).

Ring-necked Duck

RollinsSav (M), 25 May (EWW); SpringL (Tazewell Co) (M), 4 Jul (MHB); Sang (alt plumaged M), 1 Jul – 31 August (HDB); Guzy Pra (2M), 21 Jun (TAM); TwoRivers (M), 24-25 Jul (KAM, DMK, MSS); HL (M), 14 & 21 Jun (FRH & DMK resp); RendL (2 M), 11 Jul (DMK, MSS); Grayville (White Co), 15 Jul (RES).

Lesser Scaup

GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (M), 29 May (EWW). Nested at this location in 2008, and may have attempted breeding this year; Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (M), 26 Jun (SDB); Monmouth Sewage Lagoons (Warren Co) (M), 18 Jul (PR); Emiquon (2M,F), 3 Jul (UWG).

Horned Grebe, Wolf Lake, Cook County. 6 June 2009. Photo by Walter J. Marcisz.

Surf Scoter

NBSO: Chi (Humboldt Pk) (lingering M), 6 Jun (SBB).

Bufflehead

NBSO: Rochelle (Ogle Co) (F), **25 Jul** (EWW); Coal City (Grundy Co) (F), **7 Jul** (JHH ph).

Common Goldeneye

NBSO: LCal (alt plumaged M), **6-27 Jun** (WJM ph).

Hooded Merganser

Breeding: SpgBlf (7-8 juv), 18-29 Jun (EWW); Crabtree NC (Cook Co) (F w/brood of 6 yg), 24 May (CSF); LCal (Burnham Pra M)(family group w/5 juv), 2 Aug (WJM); Sand Pra HA (Lee Co) (4 full-grown juv), 13 Jun (EWW); HeideckeL (Grundy Co) (5 juv), 11 Jul (DFS); GLPSP (3 yg), 19 Jun (JD); BillsbachL (Marshall Co) (F w/9, 2-week old fledglings), 17 May (EWW); Emiquon ("bumper crop of yg produced"), season (KBR); MidFork (4 juv), 29 Jun (EJC); Glades/12 Mile Island WMA (Jersey Co) (F w/9, week old fledglings), 5 May (EWW); Cahokia Mounds SP (St. Clair/ Madison Cos) (5 yg), 14 Jun (FRH); EForkL (family of 12), 28 Jun (CLH); Chauncey M (Lawrence Co) (4 broods), see below; TwoRivers (13, ads w/ yg), 5 Jul (DMK); KLMSNA (ad F w/4 juv), 12 Jun & 13 imm. 18 Jul (C&PD); ConnerL (ad F w/5 juv), 7 Jun (C&PD); *Monroe* (different area) (ads w/yg), 27 Jun (DMK, MSS); CRSNA (Buttonland Swamp) (2 F w/ broods of 4 & 5 juvs), 4 Jun (SDB); *Pope* (2 juv), 6-10 Jun (VMK); w. *Union* (7 yg), 9 May (VMK). **MC**: 28, Chauncey M (Lawrence Co), 7 Jun (CLH); 20, KLMSNA, 9 Jul (KAM); 13, *Will/Grundy*, 5 Jul (RDH); 13, TwoRivers, see above; 8 (juv), Levee Rd (Union Co), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD). **Others**: GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (F), 14 Jul (BJS); Zion (Lake Co) (2 juv), 1-9 Aug (EWW); IBSP (imm), 23 Jun (EWW); Waukegan (Lake Co) (ad), 1 Jun (EWW); Northwestern University, Evanston (Cook Co) (2), 25 Jun (JT); NoP (F), 22 Jun (RC); JP, 17 Jun (KMC); McGinnisSl (3), 25 Jun (DFS); LCal (Deadstick Pond), 14 Jun (WJM); Chi (Rainbow Beach) (F), 31 Jul (DFS); Old Plank Rd Trail (Matteson, Cook Co) (F), 30 May (SDB); nw *Lee*, 13 Jun (EWW); Mt. Erie (Wayne Co) (F), 6 Jun (CLH); HL (1-2), 3 Jun-1 Jul (DMK, MSS, FRH); *Madison* (F), 2 Jun (KAM); UCCA (7), 21 Jun (MML). **Note**: Breeding reports continue to grow within state (SDB).

Common Merganser

NBSO: Wilmette (Cook Co) (M), 3 Jun (JE); LaSalleL (M), **10 Jul** (GAW ph, DL).

Red-breasted Merganser

NBSO: WinthropH (F), 17 Jun (EWW); IBSP (So. Unit) (alt M), 12 Jun (KKM); HeideckeL (Grundy Co) (F), **11 Jul** (DFS).

Ruddy Duck

MC: 15 (9 M), GooseL CA (McHenry Co), 29 May (EWW) & 10 (8 M), 6 Jul (SDB). **Others**: Freeport (Stephenson Co) (F), 16 Jun (DTW); RollinsSav (5-4 ad M), 25 May (EWW); Peacock M (Bolingbrook, Will Co) (pr), 4 Jul (JAS); Rochelle (Ogle Co) (5-4 ad M), 25 Jul (EWW); GreenR (pr), 13 Jun (EWW); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (pr), 29 May (SDB); Coal City (Grundy Co) (F), 7 Jul (JHH); Emiquon, 3 Jul (UWG); Sang (alt plumaged M), 14 Jun – 12 Jul (HDB); HL (pr), 5 & 26 Jul (DMK & FRH resp), w/3 there 21 Jun (DMK); ConnerL (ad M), 18 Jul (C&PD); *Wabash* (2), 19 Jun (CLH).

Ring-necked Pheasant

Breeding: GLPSP (hen w/8 chicks), 19 Jun (JD); Perdueville HA (Ford Co) (3 short-tailed juvs @ 2 locations), 21 May (SDB). **MC**: 35, Pontiac_, 5 Jun (VMK); 34 (29 calling M), Perdueville HA (Ford Co), 21 May (SDB); 21, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB); 20, Monticello_, 9 Jun (EJC). **Others**: BraidwoodL (4), 22 Jun (JHH); Kankakee River SP (Will Co.) (4), 9 Jun (JHH); Tamalco Twp (Bond Co) (M), 16 Jun (SDB). **Edge of range**: Glacial Pk (McHenry Co), 9 Jun (BJS); Montgomery (Kane Co) (2 M), 28 May (SDB); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (calling M); 1 Aug (ABA); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (4 M), 30 May & 3 M 26 Jun (SDB); CWRP (M), 14 Jun (WJM); Butterfield Crk Wetlands (Cook Co) (2), 9 Jun (ABA); Miller Gardens Pk (Matteson, Cook Co) (M), 30 May (SDB); Haines Twp (Marion Co) (2 M), 6 Jun (SDB); *Bond*, 18 Jun (CAT, TLK); *Fayette*, 18 Jun (CAT); Martinsville/Anderson Twps (Clark Co) (6 M), 7 Jun (SDB); Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Note**: Numbers are down considerably the last few years, apparently due to last few severe winter weather bouts, especially deep snow cover (SDB).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

Breeding: PrRdg-J (7), 11 Jun (JWW et al. & (2 newly fledged yg 4 Jun; 4 yg 3 Aug & 2 yg 6 Aug in 3 separate areas) (CLH); PrRdg-M (10 juv), 13 Jun (DMK ph, MSS).

Wild Turkey

Breeding: Rckfd (3 F w/19 poults in 2 broods (one brood much younger than other), 31 Aug (DTW); MBC (nest w/10 eggs), 7 Jul (MEF); *Montgomery* (3 ad w/8 yg), 16 Jun (CAT); Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co) (ad w/4 yg), 18 Jul (CLH); CarlL-C (16 incl yg), 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co) (2 ad & 6 small poults), 1 Jul (SDB). **MC**: 29, StarvedRock, 13 Jun (EWW); 23, *Jo Daviess*, 4 Jul (CAT, TLK); 22, Rckfd, see above; 16, CarlL-C, see above; 10, *Kankakee*, 6 Jun (GAW, IOS); 9, *Massac*, 21 Jun (KAM, COS); 8, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 7, *Jackson*, 4 Jun (KAM). O **Others**: COLSP (pr), 4 Jun (EWW); *Bureau*, 12 Jun (DFS); Mineral Twp (Bureau Co) (3, 2F), 13 Jun (EWW); Midewin (2), 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); Hensley Twp (Champaign Co) (3 M), 16 Jun (SDB); COR (2), 24 Jul (KAM); *Perry* (4), 9 Jul (KAM); Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (3), 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); Wabash R (Wabash Co) (3), (DMK, MSS, CLH); Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK); Herrin (Williamson Co) (2 M), 18 Jun (SDB).

Northern Bobwhite

Breeding: *Grundy* (hen w/15 poults), 18 Jul (DBa); FGP (covey of 12 lg juv), Jun (MFC ph); "2-3 broods of 6-15 yg in every tract of grass at PrRdg-J" while mowing, 27 Jul – early Aug (CLH); Elk Twp (SniderL, Jackson Co) (downy fledgling), 30 Jun (SDB, SLD). **MC**: 112, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 102, PrRdg-J, 10 Jun (JWW, CLH, RES); 55, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 46, PrRdg-M, 11 Jun (JWW, et al.); 36, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 36, *Marion/Clinton*, 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); 33, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 30, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 27, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 24, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 24, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 23, CampPoint_, 1 Jun (VMK); 20, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 18, Pontiac_, 5 Jun (VMK); 18, *Fulton*, 9 Jul (LLH); 14, BurntPrairie_, 9 Jun (VMK; 11, Hoyleton (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: WinthropH (2M), 12 Jun (KKM) et al.); Orland Grassland (Cook Co), season (WSS); Annawan (Henry Co) (pr), 13 Jun (EWW); Normandy (Bureau Co) (pr), 13 Jun (EWW); GLPSP (M), 19 Jun (JD); *Iroquois* (2), 26 Jun (CAT); ColesCo Apt (3 M), 22 May-14 Jul (SDB); Spring Branch (Bond Co) (6), 18 Jun (DMK, MSS); CarlL-C (8), 12 Jun (DMK); Blairsville Twp (Williamson Co) (7, 6 M), 5 Jun (SDB).

Common Loon

NBSO: Shabbona Lake SP (DeKalb Co) (2), 6 Jun (DJS); HeideckeL (Grundy Co) (subad), 11 Jul (DFS); Sang (basic plum), 15 Jun (HDB); EForkL (basic plum), 7&16 Jun (CLH).

Pied-billed Grebe

Breeding: Nygren Wetland Pr (Winnebago Co) (2 juv), 18 Jul (DTW); GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (pr w/3 juv, pr w/3 yg & 3 other ad), 6 Jul (SDB); Huntley (McHenry Co) (pr w/2 yg), 14 Jun (RAM & ALM); RedwingSl (pr w/juv), 7 Jul (SDB); Cuba M FP (Lake Co) (ad w/imm & 3 ad), 7 Aug (B&BI); RollinsSav (3 pr w/broods of 2,4, & 5 yg), 25 May-8 Aug (EWW); Pratt'sWW (4 ad & 2 yg), 13 Jun (UWG) & "multiple broods", 25 Jul (REF); DYNL (ad w/6 yg), 15 Jun (CLC); Foley Sand Pra (Lee Co) (5 juv), 13 Jun (EWW); Elburn FP (Kane Co) (ad w/juvs), 18 Jul (DJS); PaulDouglas (juv), 17 Jul (CSF); LCal (Hegewisch Marsh) (3 broods of 1,2, & 5 yg), 27 Jun (WJM, FM); LCal (Deadstick Pond) (1 yg), 10 & 20 Jul (WJM); Coal City Sewage Ponds (Grundy Co) (3 broods), 4 Jul (DFS); Kankakee (North St Wetlands) (juv), 16 Jul (JHH); Guzy Pra (pr w/2 yg), 21 Jun & (3-4 yg), 26 Jul (TAM, MFD, TDF, RF)); HL (5 families w/22 yg), 19 Jul (FRH), but 60 (ads w/yg there), 21 Jun (DMK, MSS); Cahokia Mounds SP (Madison Co) (ad w/2 yg), season (FRH); *Monroe* (Mitchie Rd) (pr w/ad incubating @ nest), 25 Jun-2 Jul (DMK). **MC**: 60, HL, see above; 15, *Monroe*, 27 Jun & 11 Jul (DMK, MSS); 12, GooseL CA, see above; 12, LCal, see above; 12, KLMSNA, 16 Jul (DMK); 7, RedwingSl, 14 Jun-7 Jul (SDB). **Others**: IBSP (Sand Pond), 13 & 20 Jul (SDB); RollinsSav (2), 6 Jun (DRD et al.); GreenR (pr), 7 Jul (EWW); GLPSP (2) , 5 Jul (RDH); BraidwoodL, 20 Jun (JHH); Sang (basic plum), 30 Jun (HDB); TwoRivers (2), 24 Jul (KAM); *White* (ad), 9 Jun (VMK); CarlL-C, 26-31 Jul (DMKDMK, MSS); SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co) (calling), 17 Jun (SDB); Grand Tower Twp (Jackson Co) (calling), 4 Jun (KAM).

Horned Grebe

NBSO: LCal (Wolf Lk) (alt plum), 14 May – **9 Jul** (*WJM ph, DFS). Only 5 previous Jun/Jul records for Illinois, although Nelson (1876) stated that they "breed sparingly" in Illinois.

Western Grebe. Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 19 July 2009. Photo by Dan Kassebaum. The Western Grebe is a very rare summer vagrant in Illinois.

Western Grebe

NBSO: BraidwoodL, 4 Jun (JHH ph); NewtonL (Jasper Co), **4-8 Jul** (DH, RES, CLH); EForkL, **13 Jul** (CLH, RES ph, MSS ph). Possibly same bird.; CarlL-C, **19 - 31 Jul** (DMK ph, MSS, MAM et al.); Only 2 previous Jun/Jul records.

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT

NBSO: Emiquon (Thompson L), 25 Jun (REF, KDF, JAS); AlmondMarsh, 28 Jun – 12 Jul (GN, JRRS, KKM, SDB, m.ob); Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (juv), 30-31 Jul (DMK ph, MSS, KAM, et al.).

Double-crested Cormorant

Breeding: AlmondMarsh (2 nests), 9 May (EWW); BakersL (25 in nesting structures), 9 Mar (CSF); Montrose (apparent nests on water intake crib off Montrose Point), season (GAW); CarlL-F (lg nesting colony), 28 Jun-31 Jul (DMK); KLMSNA (nesting; 80), 2 Jul (DMK, MSS). **MC**: 2,000, CarlL-F, 26 -31 Jul (DMK, MSS); "Hundreds" Emiquon, 3 Jul (REF, KDF, UWG); 250, TwoRivers, 24 Jul (KAM); 200, IBSP, 24 Jul (EWW); 200, CarlL-C, 1 -21 Jul (DMK); 95, WinthropH, 21 Jun (EWW); 85, Montrose, 26 Jul (GAW); 60, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others**: RollinsSav (2), 6 Jun (DRD et al.); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (5), 26 Jun (SDB); JP (high of 4), 3 Jun (PRC); BraidwoodL (122), 29 Jun (JHH); *LaSalle* (12), 9 Jul (CAT, TLK); EForkL, 25 Jun (CLH); *Wayne* (Bailey Wetland) 92), 17 Jul (CLH); Grayville (White Co) (2), 7 Jul (CLH); Beaucoup_ (14), 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); SantaFe (6), 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); *Monroe* (8), 25 Jul (CAT, TLK); KaskaskiaI (Randolph Co)(8), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); *Wabash* (Amax prop.), 1 & 6 & 11, 9, 18 & 31 Jul resp (CLH); SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co) (2), 4 Jun (SDB); DogtoothI (4), 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Note**: BraidwoodL (a bird w/white patches on upper wing & tail), 29 Jun (JHH).

Juvenile Neotropic Cormorant, at Carlye Lake, Clinton County. 30 July 2009. This species was seen on and off between 27 June and July 30 2009. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Two Anhingas soaring over Interstate 57 just north of Shawnee College Road near Ullin, Pulaski County. 27 June 2009. Photo by Tom Lytle.

ANHINGA

Breeding: **1st Illinois breeding record.** 5 pr @ 5 active nests w/4+ juv, 25 Jun -14 Jul, CRSNA (MML ph) w/1-3 birds noted as early as 3 May & seen many times in Jun/Jul (MML m.ob.). Same or additional birds noted by others some distance from breeding area included: Unity (Alexander Co), early Jul (fide MML); I-57 near Ullin (Pulaski Co), 2 ad males (soaring), 27 Jun (MJB, Tom Lytle ph).

BROWN PELICAN

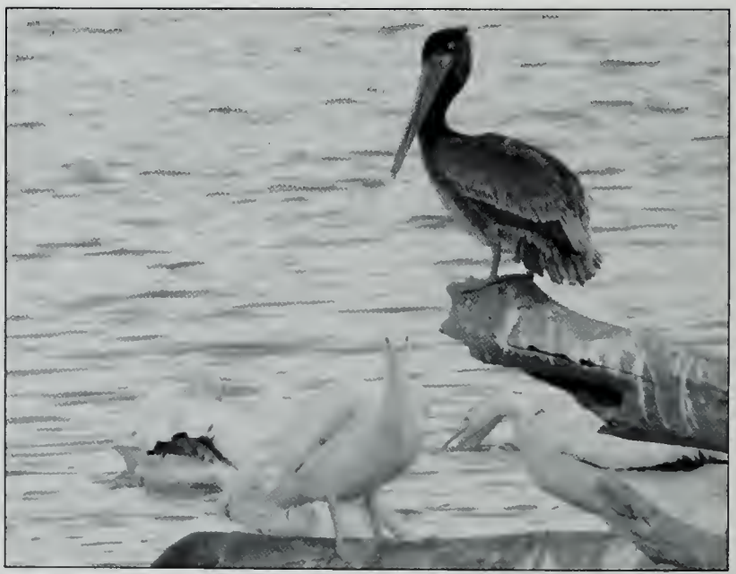
NBSO: CrystalL (McHenry Co), 2 - 4 Jun (KP, GAW ph, CSF ph m.ob ph); S. Elgin (Kane Co), 2 Jun (GN); Chi (L Mich, flying north), 6 Jun (MA); Alton (Madison Co), 1 Jun (JI); KLMSNA & ConnerL (juv), 1 - 26 Jul (WMR ph,& C&PD, DMK ph & MSS, m.ob.); TwoRivers, 23 -25 Jul (DMK ph, MSS, KAM et al.).

American White Pelican

Breeding: 1st Illinois breeding colony. UMRNWR (6 chicks) 17 Jun, w/25 chicks by 15 Jul (RE ph, SP ph). This nesting location on a small island in the Mississippi R is very close to the 1st Iowa nesting colony mentioned in the 2008 breeding season report. **MC**: 3,000 (mostly hatch year birds) TwoRivers, 23 -25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 600 (mostly hatch year birds), ConnerL, 16 -18 Jul (DMK); 500 & 80, Emiquon (ThompsonL), 28 & 18 Jun (KBR); 410, Hennepin-SwanL (Putnam Co), 25 Jul (EWW); 378, KLMSNA, 11 Jul (C&PD); 230, Maz/Braid, 3 Jul (UWG); 200, TwoRivers, 5 Jul (DMK); 140, Dallas City (Henderson Co), 7 Jul (EWW); 134, BraidwoodL, 1 Jul [but 94 (9 Mar), 194 (26 Apr), 70 (11 May), 103 (22 Jun)] (JHH). Nesting here now or in near future? (SDB); 59, HennepinL, 12 Jun (DFS); 50, L&D 13, 5-6 Jun (VMK et al.). **Others**: *JoDaviess* (10), 4 Jul (CAT, TLK); Freeport (Stephenson Co) (31), 16 Jun (DTW); COLSP (24), 13 Jul (BJS, MS); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (30), 26 Jul (RB); Baker'sL (12), 9 Jun (CSF); L & D 19 (Hancock Co (3), 7 Jul (EWW); StarvedRock (2), 11 Jul (EWW); Oquawka (Henderson Co) (25), 11 Jun (DFS); LDDP (8-9), 22-24 Jul (TAM); *Wayne* (Bailey Wetland) (2), 6-27 Jun (CLH, RES); CarlL-C (10), 30-31 Jul (DMK, MSS); Ware (Union Co), 20 Jun (KAM, COS); ***Pope*** (18), 9 Jun (VMK). **Note**: Migrant birds through the state and summer "loafing" birds continue to increase (SDB).

American Bittern

Breeding: RollinsSav, 25 May – 5 Aug (EWW, JSS m.ob.) & ad & juv, 1 Aug (RDH). **Others**: Nygren Wetlands Pr (Winnebago Co), 18 Jul (DTW); SpgBlf (ad), 7 Jun – 8 Jul (EWW). Breeding?; GreenR (calling), 6 Jun (VMK, et al.); GLPSP, 26 Jun-9 Aug (BT ph). Likely breeding at this long time summering/breeding location; Dorchester Twp (Macoupin Co), 5 Jun (JI, IH).



Brown Pelican. Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge, Calhoun County. 23 July 2009. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Brown Pelican, Crystal Lake, McHenry County. 4 June 2009. Photo by Geoff Williamson.

American Bittern. Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area, Grundy County. 26 June 2009. Photo by Brian Tang.

Least Bittern

Breeding: GreenR (2 pr & juv), 13 Jun & 14 Aug (EWW & MJB resp); White Oak Pk (city park), Bloomington (McLean Co), ads 3-28 Jul (MJW), w/2&3 juv 30&31 Jul (MEF, DB resp); ConnerL (pr w/juv), 7 Jun (C&PD); KLMSNA (ad w/juv), 11 Jun & (ad) 16 Jul (C&PD & CLH, DMK resp). **MC**: 6-8, Guzy Pra, 2-26 Jul (TDF, RF, MFD, TAM), but 1 there 21 Jun (TAM); 4 ad (@ 3 locations), RedwingSl, 11 Jun – 7 Jul (SDB); 4, MermetL, 21 & 26 Jun (KAM, COS & CLH resp); 3&1, PrRdg-J (Ridgway Tract), 4 Jun & 21 Jul resp (RES, CLH). **Others:** SpgBlf, 7-22 Jun (EWW, DRD, m.ob.); McGinnisSl (1-2), 2 Jun/5 Jul (WSS & DFS); GLPSP, 24 Jun (BT ph); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co), 29 May (SDB); Emiquon (ThompsonL), 5 Jul (KBR); BannerMarsh (Fulton Co), 11 Jul (ad) (MHB, EY); BannerMarsh (Peoria Co) (3), 13 & 18 Jul (MHB, EY); PrRdg-M (pr &1), 3 Jun & 21 Jul resp (RES, CLH); Singles @ PrRdg-J (Donsbach Tract), 9 Jun & 2 (pr) (Ridgway Tract), 4 Jun & 21 Jul & (Fuson Tract), 4 Jun & (Zumbahlen Tract), 18 May (CLH); HL, 7 (2) & 22 Jun & 3 Jul (MJB & FRH & DMK resp); CarlL-F, 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); *Monroe*, 27 Jun – 11 Jul, (DMK, MSS); Blairsville Twp (Williamson Co), 18 Jun (SDB).

Great Blue Heron

Breeding: AlmondMarsh (ad on 9 nests), 6 Mar (JSS); Baker'sL (10+ ad on nests), 21 Mar (SDB, SLD); Churchill Wds FP (DuPage Co) (14 active nests w/pr in elaborate courtship display), 19 Mar (JCl); Barrington AT&T HQ (Cook Co), rookery w/39 nests w/ads on 27 nests & pr cop, 4 Apr (ABA); PaulDouglas (10 & 15 ad on nests), 10 Mar & 4 Apr (SWS & ABA resp); BusseWds rookery (31 nests w/ad on), 4 Apr (ABA), but working on nests 6 Mar (JRp); LCal (Indian Ridge M) (5 prs w/1st ad on nest 19 Mar, incubating ads on 9 Apr & 5 occupied nests by 26 Apr) (WJM); Salt ForkR rookery near Homer (Vermilion Co) (20 nests w/ads on nests), 14 Jun (JOS). **MC**: 396, AmnBot, 28 Jul (C&PD); 125, TwoRivers, 24 Jul (KAM); 65, SantaFe, 1 Jul (DMK); 60, Dogtoothl, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 52, BraidwoodL, 27 Jun (JHH); 50, *Wabash*, 19 Jul (KAM); 40, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 11 Jun (DMK); 37, Kaskaskial (Randolph Co), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 30, CarlL-C, 30-31 Jul (DMK, MSS); 20, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 20, CarlL-F, 28 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co) (19), 1 Jul (SDB); *St. Clair* (12), 30 Jul (KAM). **Note**: Mid Meadows rookery now gone as nest trees have all fallen (ABA).

Great Egret

Breeding: BakersL (2 ad on nesting platforms), 19 Mar (CSF); So. Pond, (Lincoln Pk, Chi) (building a nest on island), 15 Jun (JHP), w/nestlings 15 Jun (JHP); LCal (Indian Ridge Marsh) (64 ad & 17 nests in phragmites 2 May. 30 prs nested but more likely hidden) (WJM). **MC**: 1,321, ConnerL, 28 Jul (C&PD); 1,040, KLMSNA, 11 Jul (C&PD); 450, TwoRivers, 24 Jul (KAM); 400, Dogtoothl, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 200, Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co), 9 Jun (MJB); 150, ECapeGir, 9 Jul (KAM); 143, Kaskaskial (Randolph Co), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 105, *Wabash*, 9 Jul (KAM); 100, *Madison*, 24 Jun (KAM); 250 & 100, Grand Tower Twp (Jackson Co), 27 Jul & 4 Jun resp (KAM); 100, HLCA, 2 Jul (SDB, SLD); 80, SantaFe, 12 Jun-31 Jul (DMK, MSS); 65, Mundelein (American Way M, Lake Co), 10 Jul (BS); 50, *Fulton*, 3 Jul (KAM); 40, Canteen Crk (Madison Co), 21 Jun (DMK); 40, CarlL-F, 28 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: *Jo Daviess* (5), 4 Jul (CAT, TLK); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (11), 26 Jun (SDB); BraidwoodL (36), 8 Jun (JHH); 7, *Will*, 9 Jul (CAT, TLK); Yorktown (Bureau Co) (9), 7 Jul (EWW); Nauvoo (Hancock Co) (4), 7 Jul (EWW); Woodford SF&WA (Woodford Co) (25), 21 Jun (MJW); LDDP (3), 22 Jul (TAM); Guzy Pra (9), 26 Jul (TAM, MFD, TDF, RF); Farina Wetland (Fayette Co) (9), 11 Jun (CLH); Mt. Erie Twp (Wayne Co) (5), 6 Jun (CLH); SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co) (12), 4 Jun (SDB); Gorham (Jackson) (35), 20 Jun (KAM, COS).

Snowy Egret

MC: 80, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jul (DMK); 50, Dogtoothl, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 28, AlmondMarsh, 5 Jul (SDB, SLD); 27, TwoRivers, 24 Jul (KAM); 20, *Alexander*, 2 Jul (SDB, SLD); 10, Canteen Crk (Madison Co), 21 Jun (DMK). **Others**: LCal (Burnham Pra), 9 Jul (DFS et al.); BraidwoodL, 4 Jun (JHH); Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co) (ad), 1 Jul (KBR); Sang, 16 (juv) & 27 Jul (HDB); E. Alton (Madison Co) (3), 25 Jul (KAM); ESTL (3), 30 Jun (KAM); HL, 1 Jun (FRH); *Randolph* (3), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); MermetL, 26 Jun (CLH).

Little Blue Heron

Breeding: LCal (Heron Pond) (ad on nest w/2 large yg 20 Jul in night-heron colony) (WJM); CRSNA (Johnson Co) (5 pr & 6 juv), 25 Jun – 14 Jul (MML). **MC**: 117 (81 ad, 36 imm), AmnBot, 28 Jul (C&PD); 50, Madison, 2 Jun (KAM); 20, Cahokia Mounds SP (St. Clair Co), 5 Jul (DMK). **Others**: Yorktown Twp (Henry Co) (imm), 25 Jul (EWW); Plainfield (Will Co) (imm), 2 Jun (BT ph); Sang, 9 (3 juv) -11 (3 juv & 5 ad) Jul (HDB); LDDP (8 imm), 24 Jul (TAM); LShel (8, 2 ad & 6 imm), 26 Jul (TAM);Guzy Pra (3), 26 Jul (TAM, MFD, TDF, RF); TwoRivers (9), 25 Jul (KAM); PrRdg-M (Bartel Wetland) (imm),21 Jul (CLH); Louisville (Clay Co) (ad), 2 Jun (CLH); *Wabash* (Amax prop.) (2), 20-22 Jul (CLH); Grayville (White Co) (imm), 22 Jul (CLH).

Cattle Egret

MC: 200, Dogtoothl, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 59, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 40, Cahokia Mounds SP (St. Clair Co), 3 Jun (DMK, MSS, APS); 40, ESTL (DMK); 40, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jul (DMK); 28, ECapeGir, 17 Jun (KAM); 12, *St. Clair*, 25 Jun (KAM); 12, Hecker (Monroe Co), 2Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Plainfield (Will Co) (15), 31 May-2 Jun (JCg, BT), & (4), 6 Jun (UWG); Emiquon (7 & 1), 18 Jun & 3 Jul (KBR & UWG resp); Sang, 1 Jun & 29 Jul (basic plum) (HDB); ESTL (7), 25 Jul (KAM); Jamestown_ (4), 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); Bogota (Jasper Co), 10 Jun (RES, CLH); EForkL (2), 19 Jul (CLH); Evansville (Randolph Co), 11 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Green Heron

Breeding: SpgBlf (pr w/3 yg), 7-17 Jun (EWW); North Shore Channel (Cook Co) (ad on nest), 24 May (MMC); Chi (Douglas Pk) (pr building nest), 6 May (JSA); NoP (nest w/3 yg), 21 Jun (JN); JP (2 summering prs, w/ one pr @ nest 10 Jun & brooding 14 Jun (PRC), w/2 hatchlings 11 Jul (PAD), stretching outside nest 22 Jul (PRC) & fledgling by 1 Aug (KMC); Towanda (McLean Co) (nest w/3 yg), 7 Jul (JMe fide MEF); Sang (4 yg leaving nest), 23 Jul (HDB); CarlL-C (nest w/3 yg), 19 Jul (DMK, MSS). **MC**: 27, AmnBot, 28 Jul (C&PD); 19, SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 1 Jul (SDB); 10 (mostly juvs), Salamander Springs OSL (Kane Co), 31 Jul (RCR, NPB); 7, AlmondMarsh, 12 Jul (JAS, MAM); 7, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 6, RedwingSl, 7 Jul (SDB); 6, JP (some late migrants?), 7 Jun (PRC); 6, Guzy Pra, 26 Jul (TAM, MFD, TDF, RF); 6, CarlL-C, 26-31 Jul (DMK, MSS); 6, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6, Dogtoothl, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, AlmondMarsh, 5 Jul (SDB, SLD); 5, Cuba M FP (Lake Co), 7 Aug (B&Bl); 5, Mill Creek (Union Co), 2 Jul (SDB). **Others**: Afton FP (Dekalb Co) (2 juv), 25 Jul (EWW); NoP (3), 3 Jun (GAW); BraidwoodL (Will Co) (4), 4 Jun (JHH); Spring Branch (Bond Co), 18 Jun (DMK, MSS); *Bond* (4), 18 Jun (CAT, TLK); Canteen Crk (Madison Co), 21 Jun (DMK); BurntPrairie_ (4), 9 Jun (VMK); Buttonbush Sl (Cook Co) (4), 25 Jun (SDB).

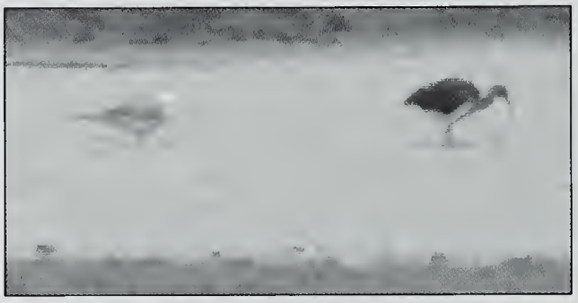
Black-crowned Night-Heron

Breeding: So. Pond, (Lincoln Pk, Chi) (80, many on nests, 3 May & 97 birds, 41 nests, 24 May) (GAW), w/nestlings 15 Jun (JHP); LCal (3 colonies of 125+ prs in Indian Ridge Marsh [85 prs], Heron Pond [40 prs] both nesting in phragmites, & 3rd @ gull colony. Ads building and incubating @ nests 2-12 May & fresh juvs by 27 Jun & many by 20 Jul) (WJM et al.). **MC**: 250+, LCal, see above; 34, L Ren, 7 Jun (DJS); 28, AlmondMarsh, 5 Jul (SDB, SLD); 18, *Monroe*, 11 Jul (DMK, MSS); 12, HL, 21 Jun (DMK); 14 (12 ad, 2 juv), AlmondMarsh, 6 Jun (BJS); 12, Canteen Crk (Madison Co), 21 Jun (DMK); 10 (9 ad), SpgBlf/WinthropH, 17 Jun (EWW). **Others**: Waukegan (Lake Co), 28 Jul (SG, CSF, AAA); Fermi, 6 Jun (DLt); Glenview (Cook Co) (3 ad), 10 Jun (SG); Des Plaines Riverwalk (Cook Co) (juv), 23 Jul (ABA); Fullersburg Wds FP (Cook Co) (ad), 7 Jun (present for weeks) (CP); Crabtree NC (Cook Co), 27 Jun (JBy); Butterfield Crk Wetlands (Cook Co) (5ad, juv), 9 Jun (ABA); Mid Meadows (ad), 9 Jun (ABA); JP (4 ad),

7 Jun w/single, non-breeding ad last present on 12 Jul (PRC); Buttonbush Sl (Cook Co) (ad), 25 Jun (SDB); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (ad), 26 Jun (SDB); LaSalleL, 9 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM); GLPSP (2), 5 Jul (RDH); BraidwoodL, 22 Jun (JHH); Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co) ("many"), 4 Jul (KBR); Emiquon (ThompsonL) (5), 9 Jun (MJB); *Wayne/Richland* (Bailey Wetland) (6), 27 Jun (CLH); ESTL (6), 29 Jun (DMK); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (2), 30 Jun (KAM); *St. Clair* (4 imm), 30 Jul (KAM); SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co) (2 ad, 2 juv), 1 Jul (SDB).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

Breeding: Sugar River FP (Winnebago Co) (ad), late May - Jul (DTW, et al.) w/pr & juv there 15-16 Aug (JL); LCal (Heron Pond) (one yg w/down feathers still on head fledged on 25 Jul) (WJM, AFS); Wilson Pk (Granite City, Madison Co) (8 nests w/32 yg), 3 Jul (FRH), incl pr @ nest w/young chick on 7 Jun (FRH, MJB); CRSNA (Union Co) (pr @ nest w/4 yg), 14 Jun (MML); Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co) (ad at nest), 3 Apr & same nest w/3 yg, 5 Jun (CLH); CRSNA (Johnson Co) (3 nests including pr @ nest w/4 yg, nest w/2 yg, & pr @ nest), 16 Jun, Jun, & 4 May resp (MML). **MC**: 6, MermetL, 21 Jun (KAM); 4, Eckert's Wds (Fayette Co) (ads), 27 Jul (TAM, DMK, SDB, et al.); 4, MermetL, 26 Jun (CLH). **Others**: StarvedRock (ad & imm), 27 Jun (EWW); Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co) (ad), 4 Jul (KBR); Guzy Pra (juv), 2-26 Jul (TDF, RF ph, MFD, TAM); Kaskaskia R (Clinton Co), 22 Jun (DMK); SantaFe, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM); KaskaskiaI (Randolph) (imm), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); *Richland* (Elbow Rd) (ad), 26 Jun (CLH); *Wabash* (imm), 22 Jul (RES); CRSNA (4 single ad noted in swamp on separate dates), Jun (MML).



Immature White Ibis. Wabash Bottoms, Wabash County. 18 July 2009. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

WHITE IBIS

NBSO: *Wabash* (Amax prop) (imm), 12 - 18 Jul (CLH, RES, DMK ph); AmnBot (4 imm), 19 - 27 Jul (C&PD, KAM ph, WMR, m.ob.).

White-faced Ibis

NBSO: SpgBlf (eating crawfish), 7 Jun (EWW ph); Canteen Crk (Madison Co), 20 Jun (WMR ph).

Ibis sp

NBSO: KLMSNA (identified as Glossy Ibis), 15 Jul (T&LR).

ROSEATE SPOONBILL

NBSO: Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co), 30 Jul (KAM, MSS, DMK ph et al.).

Juvenile Roseate Spoonbill, Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 30 July 2009. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Black Vulture

MC: 6, Grand Tower Twp (Jackson Co), 4 Jun (KAM); 4, *Monroe*, 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 4, *Union*, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, FerneClyffe, 1 Jul (SDB, SLD); 3, Bluff Rd (Randolph Co), 16-18 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Other**: Gorham (Jackson Co) (2), 20 Jun (KAM, COS).

Turkey Vulture

Breeding: Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co) (nest in hollow tree w/1+ downy yg), 2 Jul (JLS); Limekiln Slough Pr (Pulaski Co) (pr @ nest w/2 yg), 3 Jun (MML). **MC**: 50, *Monroe*, 11 Jul (DMK, MSS) & 31 Jul (TAM); 50, Hamilton Co SF&WA, 19 Jun (DMK, MSS); 40, KLMSNA, 16 Jul (DMK); 30, Savanna (Carroll Co), 5 Jun (VMK, et al.); 30, CarlL-F, 13 Jun (DMK, MSS); 30, *Union*, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 25, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 23, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co), 18 Jul (AGD); 22, Coral (McHenry Co), 14 Jun (RAM & ALM); 20, BraidwoodL, 27 Jun (JHH); 20, *Randolph*, 27 Jul (KAM); 19, StarvedRock, 27 Jun (EWW); 19, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 16, *Jackson*, 4 Jun (KAM); 15, JPPSP, 28 Jul (BD); 13, Jersey, 24 Jul (KAM); 13, CarlL-C, 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 12, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co), 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 12, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK). **Others**: LSummerset_ (Stephenson Co) (7), 14 Jun (DTW). On a road-killed badger carcass; Singles and small groups found in many parts of the Greater Chicagoland area where the species is more uncommon than the rest of the state.

Osprey

Breeding: JPPSP (ad bringing & arranging sticks @ nest), 10 Apr (YJ) & (pr @ nest w/2 yg), 28 Jun (UWG) & pr w/3 imm out-of-nest 28 Jul (BD); John J. Duffy FP (Bergman Sl, Cook Co) (ad carrying nest material), 15 Jun (BJS) & (2 ad w/3 nestlings 12 Jul & 2 juv 14 Aug) (CBT); LCal (PowdwerhornL FP) (pr @ nest on cell tower nest platform from 2 Apr – 23 Jul, fledged one yg ~ later date) (WJM, et al.); LCal (Cargill property) (Pr incl incubating F, 9 Jun w/2 tiny yg 18 Jun, & ad & 2 yg standing on nest 20 Jul. Newly discovered nest but Cargill employee informed WJM that nest has been active for 5 years) (WJM et. al.); BannerMarsh (ad working on nest), 26 Mar (MJB) & (ad on nest), 3 Jul (UWG, REF, KDF); CarlL-C (pr & 3 birds nest building), 30-31 Jul (DMK, MSS); Boaz (nw Massac Co) (pr @ nest on high-tension utility pole), 2 May – 11 Jun+ (VMK, m.ob.); MermetL (pr w/juv @ nest), 15 Jun (MML). **Other**: *Boone*, 4 Jul (CAT, TLK); BraidwoodL, 8-30 Jun (JHH); L & D 18 (Henderson Co), 11 Jun (DFS). **NBSO**: Sang, 13 Jul (HDB); EForkL, 13&24 Jul (CLH, RES).

Mississippi Kite

Breeding: **Rckfd,** pr feeding a single, newly fledged yg at nest near last year's nest location, 29 Aug (DTW, LGB). Yg also fledged last year on this date. F carrying Chimney Swift (as food for yg?) on 2 Aug.; Little Black Slough SNA (Johnson Co) (pr @ nest), 1 Jul (MML). **MC**: 7 (6 ad, sub ad), TOT, 2 Jul (SDB, SLD); 7, ECapeGir, 17 Jun (KAM); 6, Cave Creek (Jackson Co), 9 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM); 6, Dogtoothl, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, UCCA, 21 Jun (MML); 5, Thebes (Alexander Co), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD). **Others**: Rckfd, pr (ad M & F) on 1 Jun, then 4 (including an additional ad M & subadult F) on 27 Jun (LGB, DTW), but see above; BraidwoodL, 20 Jun (JHH); **Galesburg (Knox Co)**, 2 Jun (JM); Great R Rd (Jersey/Madison), 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); TwoRivers (2), 25 Jul (KAM); Granite City (Madison Co) (pr), 8 Jun & 26 Jul (FRH); AmnBot (ad), 27-28 Jun & 20-21 Jul (DMK ph, MSS, C&PD et al.); Chester (Randolph Co), 9 Jun (KAM); Grassey Slough Pr (Johnson Co), 19 Jun (MML); Grand Tower Twp (Jackson Co) (3), 4 Jun (KAM); CRSNA (Buttonland Swamp), 18 Jun (SDB).

Bald Eagle

Breeding: Durand (Winnebago Co) (pr @ nest w/2 yg), late Mar – late May (DTW). Likely fledged by mid-Jun; L&D 13 (pr 2 nest w/one chick), 11 Apr ASt) thru early Jun (VMK, et al.), w/ad feeding other ad incubating on nest 24 Feb (ASt); GrassL/FoxR (Lake Co) (ad on nest), 22 Mar (JSS); IL Rt 29 (Putnam Co) (2 ad w/2 yg @ nest), 3 May & 18 Jun (UWG & MR resp); L Depue (Bureau Co) (active nest), 2 Mar (CKM); Senachwine Twp (Putnam Co) (pr incubating eggs), 27 Mar & 3 yg fledging ~ 20 Jun (DC ph vid); Lacon (Marshall Co) (pr feeding yg in nest), 1 Apr (SP); Ottawa (LaSalle Co) (ad @ nest), 15 Feb-19 May (DJS); LSpfld (2 yg fledged from nest, noted 12 Jul) (HDB); Buckhart (Sangamon Co) (yg fledged from nest, noted 18 Jul) (HDB); L Lou Yeager (Montgomery Co (pr @ nest), 2 Apr (VH); NewtonL (Jasper Co) (ad @ nest), May – Jul (CLH); EForkL (pr @ nest w/2 yg), May-Jul (CLH); Petty Twp (Lawrence Co) (ad @ nest), May – Jul (CLH); *Wayne* (Bailey Wetland) (up to 2 ad & 2 imm on several dates 6 Jun – 10 Jul) (CLH); SantaFe (imm @ nest), 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); CRSNA headquarters (nest w/3 chicks), early May – mid-Jun (VMK m.ob.). Others: *Jo Daviess*, 4 Jul (CAT, TLK); McHenry Dam (McHenry Co) (imm), 26 Jul (BD); LCal (juv @ Heron Pond), 9 Jun (WJM); Maz/Braid SF&WA (Will Co) (2), 3 Jul (UWG); BraidwoodL, 4-29 Jun (ad) & 24 & 30 Jun (imm), but 3 (imm) there 1 Jul (JHH); Kankakee (LeVasseur Pk) (ad), 27 Jul (JHH ph); Emiquon, 3 Jul (UWG); Sang, 1 Jun (HDB); MidFork, 24 Jul (EJC); MeadbrkPk, 1 Jun (EJC); *Montgomery*, 16 Jun (CAT); *Jersey/Madison* (Great R Rd), 24-25 Jul (KAM, DMK, MSS); TwoRivers (ad & 3 imm), 23 & 25 Jul resp (DMK, MSS); *St. Clair* (ad), 30 Jul (KAM); CarlL-C (2 ads), 30-31 Jul (DMK, MSS); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (3 ads), 11 Jun (DMK); Boogerville (Wayne Co) (ad), 20 Jul (CLH); *Wabash* (2 imm), 19 Jun (RES); AmnBot (5; 2 ad, 3 imm), 11 Jul (C&PD); Grand Tower Twp (Jackson Co) (imm), 4 Jun (KAM).

Northern Harrier

Waukegan (Lake Co), 28 Jul (SG, CSF, AAA); Mill Creek_ (Carroll Co) (M), 16 Jun (DTW); Nachusa (M; but pr here 23 Apr), 4 Jun (ABH); Nekoma (Henry Co) (ad F), 25 Jul (EWW); RollinsSav, 6 Jun (DRD et al.); GLPSP (M), 19 Jun (JD); BraidwoodL, 8 Jun (JHH); Stockland Twp (Iroquois Co) (M & F, pr?), 20 Jun (SDB); Pesotum Twp (Champaign Co), 9 Jul (SDB); Farina (Fayette Co), 19 Jun (SDB); PrRdg-J (F), 10 Jun

Banded immature Peregrine Falcon.
Horseshoe Lake, Madison County. 27 July 2009.
Photo by Frank Holmes.

(JWW, CLH, RES); Six-Mile Twp (Franklin Co), 18 Jun (SDB); Hoyleton (Washington Co) (2), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); SantaFe, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Kaskaskial (Randolphl), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK).

Cooper's Hawk

Breeding: WinthropH (pr, carrying food to nesting locale by Jun), 25 Apr-17 Jul (EWW); lBSP (ads & begging juv), 12 Jun-24 Jul (EWW); LArlington (Cook Co) (pr feeding 3 yg, one atop car), 10 Jul (JCB ph); Evanston (Cook Co) (nest), 10 May (EWW); Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (on nest), 3 May (DJS m.ob); Wood Dale Grove FP (DuPage Co), pr w/juv3 Jul & w/2juv 23 Jul (ABA); Labagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (pr abandoned nest), 28 Jun (KKM); Chi (lrving Pk) (pr @ nest & cop), 25 Mar & (feeding 3 fledged juv), 23 Jul (KKM, DM ph); Chi (McKinley Pk) (F carrying sticks to nest), 8 Apr (JSM); Chi (Devon & Western) (pr w/nest fledging 4 yg), season (DS); Palos (pr @ nest & cop), 28 Mar (KKM); LCal (Eggers Grovc FP) (ad standing on nest, chasing a crow off nest), 26 Apr (WJM); Rockdale (Will Co) (nest w/5 yg), season (WSS); Kankakee (nest building), 17 Mar (JHH); Normal (McLean Co) (2 nests w/yg), season (BM fide MEF); Bloomington (McLean Co) (pr cp @ nest), 20 Apr & (nest fledged 2 yg), season (MEF ph); Champaign (4 active nests in town), May/Jun (EJC); CarlL-C (3 hatch yrar yg), 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (nest w/3-4 yg), 8 Jul (CLH). Others: Rckfd (juv), 2 Aug (DTW); RockCut (display flight), 11 Jun (DTW); Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 12 Jun (SDB); ne *McHenry*, 11 Jul (EWW); Coral (McHenry Co), 17 Jul (RAM & ALM); Zion (Lake Co) (ads), 18 Apr-Jun (EWW); RollinsSav (1st summer), 25 May (EWW); Lakewd, 10-24 Jun (SDB); Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (F), 7 May (EWW); Riverwoods (Lake Co) (ad), 30 Jul (EWW); DYNL (5), 11 Jul (DJS);Batavia (Kane Co) (1st summer F), 23 May (EWW); JPPSP, 28 Jul (BD); SongbirdSl (ad), 5 Aug (ABA); Salt Crk FP (DuPage Co) (ad), 11 Jun (ABA); Des Plaines (Cook Co) (ad), Jun-Aug (ABA); Mid Meadows, (pr), 9 Jun (ABA); Potawotami Wds FP (Cook Co), 25 Jun (AR); River Forest (Cook Co) (2), 5 Jun (RAM, ALM); Saganashkee Sl (Cook Co), 29 May (SDB); South Green Belt FP (Rich Twp, Cook Co), 30 May (SDB); Alsip (Cook Co), 5 Jul (SF); Chi (Gompers Pk), 12 Jun (BSh); JP, 29 Jul (KMC), but likely summered; Birds (Will Co) (male), 1 Aug (EWW); BraidwoodL, 22 Jun (JHH); Annawan (Henry Co) (ad M), 25 Jul (EWW); Sandy Creek (Marshall Co) (1st summer), 17 May (EWW); Whispering Willows Pk (Kankakee Co), 27 Jul (MW); KankakeeR SP, 1 Jun (JHH); *McLean*, 9 Jul (KAM); Ivesdale (Champaign Co), 9 Jul (SDB); Bogota (Jasper Co), 27 Jul (CLH); Olney & EForkL (2+ pr all summer) (CLH); *Wayne*, (3 singles @ Ridge Church, Sam Dale SP & Bailey Wetland), 6 Jun, 6 Jul & 10 Jul resp (CLH); Six singles from 6 locations (mostly ads) (5 *St. Clair*, 1 *Jefferson*), Jul/Aug (TD); Fairview Heights (St. Clair Co), 28 Jul (KAM); Shiloh (St. Clair Co), 6 Jun (KAM); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 18 & 28 Jul (KAM); HL, 14 Jun (FRH); *Madison* (2), 17 Jun (KAM); Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); KLMSNA, 18 Jul (DMK, MSS); ConnerL, 15 Jul (DMK, MSS); Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); *Perry*, 17 Jun (KAM); Hamilton Co SF&WA,19 Jun (DMK, MSS); Bluff Rd (Randolph Co) (2), 20 Jul (DMK); SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun (SDB); *Jackson*, 9 Jul (KAM).

Red-shouldered Hawk

Breeding: Waterfall Glen FP (DuPage Co) (gathering nest material), 27 Apr (VS); TOT (ad w/juv), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD). **MC**: 5, *Monroe*, 31 Jul (TAM); 4, Kaskaskial (Randolph Co), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 4, Pomona, 17 Jun (KAM). **Others**: Braidwood (Will Co) (imm), 24 Jun (JHH ph); StarvedRock, 27 Jun (EWW); Green Oaks FS (Knox Co), 4 Jun (DJM); FGP (ad), Jun/Jul (MFC); Sang (juv), 5 Jul (HDB); Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co), 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); *Richland/Wayne* (Bailey Wetland), 3 Jul (CLH); Sam Dale SP (Wayne Co), 6 Jul (CLH); West Frankfort (Franklin Co), 19 Jun (DMK, MSS); SantaFe, 11 Jul (DMK, MSS); CarlL-C, 30-31 Jul (DMK, MSS); Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 16 Jul (DMK); Herrin (Williamson Co), 18 Jun (SDB); Grand Tower Twp (Jackson Co) (2), 4 Jun (KAM); MermetL, 21 Jun (KAM).

Broad-winged Hawk

Breeding: Unusual nest location in suburban part of Libertyville (Lake Co), w/pr nest building 8 May, nest destroyed by strong winds 9 May, but pr heard/seen many times thru 11 Aug (EL). **Others**: LowdMil, 3 Jul (DFS); SwallowCliff (2), 21 Jun (DFS); Palos (104th St), 14 Jun (DJS); SpoonL (Knox Co) (1-2), 23 May – 19 Aug (MJB); CarlL-C (juv), 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (1-2), 8 Jul (CLH); Grand Tower Twp (Jackson Co), 4 Jun (KAM); Pomona, 20 Jun (KAM, COS); TOT (ad chased by MiKi), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD); *Alexander*, 25 Jul (MML); *Alexander* (Fayville Rd) (2), 20 Jun (DMK ph, MSS).

Swainson's Hawk

MC: 4 (1 pr each in Kane [Burlington] & McHenry Co),17 July thru season (RAM, ALM et al.).

Red-tailed Hawk

Breeding: Sugar Grove Twp (Kane Co) (ad on nest @ I-88 7 Orchard Rd), 8 Apr (DJS); ShabbonaL FP (DeKalb Co) (ad on nest), 4 Apr (DJS); *Dekalb* (Howison Rd) (ad on nest), 15 Apr (DJS); Fermi (pr incl one on nest), 14 Mar (UWG); Alsip (Cook Co) (pr nest building), 14 Feb (SF); LCal (Indian Ridge M) (ad incubating/brooding), 2 Apr-2 May (WJM); Champaign (pr nest building in small evergreen (?) in urban area next to I-74), 24 Feb (CKA). **MC**: 16, Coral (McHenry Co), 14 Jun (RAM & ALM); 12, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 8, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6, KLMSNA, 2 Jul (DMK, MSS); 6, Hamilton Co SF&WA, 19 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, *Wabash*, 19 Jul (KAM).

American Kestrel

Breeding: Durand (Winnebago Co (pr w/juv), 18 Jul (DTW); lBSP (pr w/2 full-grown yg), 14 Jul (EWW); MBC (nest fledged 3 yg), season (MEF); Champaign (Champaign Co) (F perched near building grate where pr has nested the previous 2 years), 9 Apr, w/pr bringing nest material there 10 Mar (SDB); Fairview Heights (St. Clair Co) (pr w/2 yg fledged from storc front sign), 1 Jun (TD). **MC**: 10, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Note**: Virtually all other reports only 1-4 birds.

Peregrine Falcon

Breeding: Evanston Public Library (Cook Co) (pr feeding 4 yg), 7 May (vid fide MMC); University of Chi (pr next to nest box), 11 Mar (RLS); Chi (Uptown Theatre) (ad w/3 yg fledging from nest site one after another), 26 Jun (SPt); LCal (CalR bridge @ Torrence) (pr held territory at least from 27 Apr – 16 Jun, w/F entering hole on bridge on lattest date) (WJM, MH); Chi (pr nesting/territorial behavior @ building @ 360 N. Michigan Ave), 2 Apr (CLW); Chi (Hyde Pk), 13 Jun (CLC); Champaign (U of I campus), 16 Jun & several other summer sightings, one of a pr (EJC et al.). **Others**: WinthropH (ad), 30 May (EWW) & NPM (carrying BARS w/50 swallows in pursuit), 4 Jul (AAA); NoP (2), 10 Jun (GAW); Momence (Kankakee Co) (sod farm) (ad), 18 Jul (JHH ph); Champaign, 16 Jun (EJC); HL (imm tundrius, banded), 27 Jul (FRH ph); ESTL, 29 Jun-30 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM); Madison Co (old Chain-of-Rocks bridge), 5 Jul (DMK); KLMSNA (1 & 2 ad), 16 & 18 Jul (DMK & C&PD resp).

BLACK RAIL

Marion (F), 11 Jun – 19 Jul (RES ph, CLH, JWW ph, et al.). Open-wing threat display was noted, and is said to be given by birds during incubation. Also "growled" aggressively several times at same location at various times & dates.; Eckert's Wds (Fayette Co), 26-27 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM et al.); Breeding likely attempted at these locations. Since the first nest for this species was found in the Chicago area in 1875, nests, young and calling birds have been found over much of the state during the breeding season, with other recent Jun/Jul records in 1996, 1997, 2000 & 2008.

Black Rail, Marion County. 11 June 2009. Photo by Bob Shelby.

King Rail

AlmondMarsh, 1 Jul (DL); MidSav, late May – 9 Jun (JSS, DRD et al.);LCal, 29 Jul (JWL, JSg); BannerMarsh (Fulton Co), 13 Jul (MHB, EY); Guzy Pra (ad), 21 Jun & 26 Jul (TAM, MFD, TDF, RF); Farina (Fayette Co), 13 Jun (DMK ph, MSS).

Virginia Rail

Breeding: SpgBlf (pr w/5 yg), 3 Jun – 19 Jul & (pr w/1 yg), 9 Jun – 19 Jul (EWW); SpringCrk (ad w/juv), 21 Aug (ABA); LCal (HegewischM) (pr w/4 small chicks), 26 Jul (JSA, DJA); HGC, ("fresh" juv), 31 Jul (WJM). **MC**: 11 & 6 (calling ads), RedwingSl, 7 Jul & 14 Jun resp (SDB); 5 (pr + 3 calling M), MidSav, 24 Jun (EWW). **Others**: COLSP, 4 Jun (EWW); SpgBlf (3 other birds besides above nesting groups), Jun/Jul (EWW); RollinsSav (2), 23 Jun (DRD); MidSav (2 calling), 24 Jun (EWW); BusseWds (juv, local or migrant?), 21 Aug (ABA); Buttonbush Sl (Cook Co), 25 Jun (SDB); South Green Belt FP (Rich Twp, Cook Co), 30 May & 2 (calling) 26 Jun (SDB); LCal (Heron Pond) (calling), 9 Jun (WJM); LCal (Hegewisch M) (calling), 12 Jun (WJM); GreenR (2), 13 Jun (EWW); GLPSP (ad in heavy molt), 5-6 Aug (BT ph); HennepinL, 12 Jun (DFS); Oswego (Kendall Co), 13 Jun (EWW); BannerMarsh, 3 Jul (UWG, REF, KDF), **Note**: SpgBlf (ad caught crawdad, walked 25+ ft w/it & presented it to 2nd ad before cop), 14 Jun (MT).

Sora

Breeding: NippersinkL FP (Lake Co) (ad w/juv), 5 Jul (SDB); RollinsSav (2 locations w/juvs), 1 Aug (EWW, RDH); LCal (Hegewisch M) (pr w/a downy yg), 12 Jun (WJM); GLPSP (ad in heavy molt), 5-6 Aug (BT ph); GLPSP (juv), 5-6 Aug (BT ph); Rochelle (Ogle Co) (juv), 25 Jul (EWW); Champaign (Curtis Rd wetland) (fledgling), 3 Aug (IGP). **MC**: 4, South Green Belt FP (Rich Twp, Cook Co), 30 May (SDB). **Others**: RedwingSl, 7 Jul (SDB); IBSP (pr + 2nd M), 24 Jun (EWW); Afton FP (Dekalb Co), 20 Jul (AS); LArlington (Cook Co) (3 calling), 5 Jul (JCB); Buttonbush Sl (Cook Co) (2 calling), 28 May-25 Jun (SDB); Old Plank Rd Trail (Matteson, Cook Co), 30 May (SDB); CWRP, 14 Jun (WJM); GreenR (ad), 6 Jun (VMK et al.); Campton FP (Kane Co) (3 M), Jun (ABH); BannerMarsh, 3 Jul (UWG, REF, KDF); Sang, 12 Jul (HDB); Guzy Pra (1-2), 26 Jul (TAM, MFD, TDF, RF); Champaign (Weaver Pk), Jul (BV); PrRdg-M (Karl Bartel WS), 1 Jun & 19 Jul (RES, CLH & DMK, MSS resp).

Common Moorhen

Breeding: AlmondMarsh (family of 7 & family of 10), 12 Jul (JAS, MAM); LCal (Hegewisch M) (5 broods w/16 yg), 20 Jul (WJM); Double-T SF&WA (Fulton Co) (2 ad w/3-6 yg), 30 Jun & 1 Jul (BGn & MHB, EY resp); HL (ad w/2 imm), 20 Jul (FRH); KLMSNA (pr w/7 juv), 15 Jul (C&PD, DMK, MSS). **MC**: 20, LCal (Hegewisch M), see above; 12 & 8 (calling ad), RedwingSl, 14 Jun & 7 Jul resp (SDB); 8, KLMSNA, see above. **Others**: AlmondMarsh (2 ad), 6 Jun & 5 Jul (DRD, JRS & SDB resp); McGinnisSl (3), 25 Jun (DFS); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co), 30 May (SDB); LCal (Heron Pond) (ad), 20 Jul (WJM); LCal (Eggers Grove FP) (2 ad), 27 Jun (WJM, FM); LCal (Deadstick Pond) (ad), 10 Jul (WJM); Emiquon (ThompsonL) (ad), 9 Jun (MJB); **Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co)** (2), 6 Jun (GN, JRRS); **CRSNA (Johnson Co)**(ad), 18 & 21 Jun (SDB & KAM, COS resp). **Note**: Species slowly disappearing from heart of their Illinois range in northeastern Illinois.

American Coot

Breeding: GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (ad on nest), 29 May (EWW) & (24 ad and 24 juvs of various ages), 6 Jul (SDB); RedwingSl (ad w/3 small yg), 7 Jul (SDB); RollinsSav (yg of 3 different ages), 4 Jul (RLS, JDn); PaulDouglas (brood of 7), 17 Jul (CSF); LCal (Hegewisch M) (brood of 7 yg), 20 Jul (WJM); SFPK (3 ad & 1 yg), 27 Jun (ABH et al.); GreenR (ad on nest), 13 Jun & (2 pr w/1 & 8 yg), 7 Jul (EWW); Coal City Sewage Ponds (Grundy Co) (ad w/4 chicks), 4 Jul (DFS); WhalonL FP (Will Co) (ad w/13 juv), 18 Jul (UWG); Guzy Pra (juv), 26 Jul (TAM, MFD, TDF, RF); KLMSNA (ad w/7 juv), 15 Jul (C&PD). **MC**: 48, see above; 30, GreenR, 6 Jun (VMK, et al.); 8, Guzy Pra, 21 Jun (TAM); 6, RollinsSav, 6 Jun (DRD et al.). **Others**: *Jo Daviess* (2), 3 Jul (CAT, TLK); RollinsSav (3), 14 Jun (SBB); Prairie Green Wetlands (Geneva, Kane Co) (pr), 7 Jun (JHn); 179th/Cen, 9 Jun (ABA); Sand Pra HA (Lee Co) (3 pr), 13 Jun (EWW); TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); HL, 2 Jun - 25 Jul (DMK, MSS, FRH); *Wabash* (Amax prop.), 19 Jun (CLH); *Monroe*, (2-3), 11 Jun – 16 Jul (DMK, MSS); MermetL, 21 Jun (KAM, COS).

Sandhill Crane

Breeding: MissPalis (pr w/2 colts), 6 Jun (VMK et al.); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (pr walking w/very small colt), 6 May (RB); Salamander Springs OSL (Kane Co) (pr w/very young chick), 24 May (RCR, NPB). **MC**: 7 (3 pr & ad), RedwingSl, 14 Jun (SDB); 6, RollinsSav, 6 Jun (BJS). **Others**: SpgBlf (pr), mid-Mar-2Aug (EWW); IBSP, 7 Jul (DMK, TAM); AlmondMarsh (2), 4 Jul (RLS, JDn); MidSav (2), 10 Jun (DK); Prairie Green Wetlands (Geneva, Kane Co) (pr), 7 Jun (JHn); JPPSP (pr), 25 Jul (REF); DYNL (2), 11 Jul (DJS); Montrose (2 flying south), 22 Jun (SBB); GLPSP (2), 26 Jun & 5 Jul (BT & RDH resp); **Hennepin (Putnam Co)** (2), 12 Jun (DFS); **BraidwoodL** (bugling), 5 Jul (JHH); **MidFork**, 16 Jun (CCC ph).

Piping Plover

Breeding: Waukegan Twp (Lake Co) (pr @ nest w/4 eggs in late Jul, w/ eggs later artificially hatching 3 yg @ Lincoln Park Zoo) (SGw, USF&WS ph). Yg. released 7 Aug at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the northwest portion of the lower peninsula of Michigan. The last previous nest found in Illinois occurred at Waukegan in 1979.

Killdeer

Breeding: Prairie Path (DuPage Co) (brood of 4 yg), 9 May (UWG); Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co) (ad on nest), 15 Apr (DRr); Chi (Northerlyl) (ad @ nest w/4 eggs), 22 Apr (AR); Montrose (1st brood, 3 chicks), 11 May & (2nd brood, 2 chicks), 9 Jul (LGM); LCal (pr w/juv), 16 May (CVW, RA); Bradley (Kankakee Co) (ad w/4 downt yg), 28 Jul (MW); Kankakee (ads w/yg), 9 May (JHH); **MC**: 1,200, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 400, SantaFe, 1 Jul (DMK); 300, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 200, KLMSNA, 16 Jul (DMK); 184, Kaskaskial (Randolph Co), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 172, Momence (sod farm) (Kankakee Co), 31 Jul (JHH); 122, GreeneVal, 6 Jul (MAM); 114, *Marion/Clinton*, 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); 85, *Wabash*, 19 Jul (KAM); 75, LDDP, 22 Jul (TAM); 67, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 54, Jamestown_,2 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: CWRP (48), 28 Jun (WJM); Milford_ (43), 20 Jun (SDB); Dudleyville_, (47), 5 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Black-necked Stilt

Breeding: **Foley Sand Pra NP (Lee Co)** (pr w/M showing territorial behavior & F w/brood patch by 27 Jun), 13 Jun – 25 Jul (EWW). 1st northern Illinois nesting record.; **Champaign** (Curtis Rd wetland)(pr w/5 yg), Jul (EJC, m.ob. ph). First county nesting record.; Farina (Fayette Co) (ad on nest), 4 Jun (CLH), & (4 ad, 7 juv),31 Jul (TAM); AmnBot (ads on 2 nests), 3-24 Jun, w/juvs 25-29 Jun (C&PD, TR ph). **MC**: 23 (15 ad, 8 juv), AmnBot, 18 Jul (C&PD ph); 20, Emiquon, 28 Jun (KBR); 17, Kaskaskial (Randolph Co), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 14 (7 pr), Farina (Fayette Co), 30 Jun (SDB, SLD); 14 (ads), DogtoothI, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, ECapeGir, 20 Jun (KAM, COS). **Others**: Hallock Twp (Peoria Co) (2), 20 Jun (MHB); Camp Grove (Marshall Co), 13 Jun (EWW); SantaFe (2 ad), 12 Jun (DMK); PrRdg-M (Karl Bartel WS) (3), 11 Jun (CLH); Chauncey M (Lawrence Co) (2), 7 Jun (CLH); Russellville (Lawrence Co), 7 Jun (CLH); *Wabash*, 24 Jun (CLH) & 2 on 21 Jul (DJS); Gorham (Jackson Co) (2), 20 Jun (KAM, COS); Levan Twp (Jackson Co) (irritated pr), 7 Jun (RMR). **Note**: Species spreading into new parts of the state as a summering/nesting species each year.

American Avocet

NBSO: WinthropH, 23 Jun (EWW ph). Coming or going?

Spotted Sandpiper

Breeding: Tinley Crk Wetlands FP (Cook Co) (4 ad w/3 juv), 9 Jun (WJM, DRr); Montrose (1st pr: 2 chicks), 1 Jul & (2nd pr: 1 chick), 26 Jul, (3rd pr: agitated behavior), early Aug (LGM); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (pr cop), 4 May & ad, 30 May (SDB); CWRP (downy yg), 14 Jun

Two adult, three young Black-necked Stilts at Curtis Road wetland, Champaign County. 21 August 2009. Photo by Ivan Petrov.

Black-necked Stilt and Lesser Yellowlegs fight over territory at Curtis Road wetland, Champaign County. 8 August 2010. Photo by Ivan Petrov.

Adult Black-necked Stilt on nest at American Bottoms, Monroe County. Early June 2009. Photo by Tom Rollins.

Juvenile Black-necked Stilt at American Bottoms, Monroe Co. Late June 2009. Photo by Pen Daubach.

(WJM). **MC**: 50, TwoRivers, 23 Jul (DMK); 24 (23 ad), CWRP, 14 Jun (WJM). **Others**: COLSP (8), 13 Jul (BJS, MS); RedwingSl (ad), 7 Jul (SDB); Libertyville (Lake Co) (4), 26 Jul (SDB, SLD); AlmondMarsh, 5 Jul (SDB,SLD); GLNTC (2 pr), 4 Jun (DRD); Prairie Green Wetlands (Geneva, Kane Co) (pr), 7 Jun (JHn); SFPK (3), 27 Jun (ABH et al.); GreeneVal (5), 6 Jul (MAM); DeerGrove-E (3), 30 Jun (BJS); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co) (6, 3 pr), 9 Jun (SG); MArb (imm in 2 areas), season (WT); Old Plank Rd Trail (Matteson, Cook Co), 29-30 May & 26 Jun (SDB); Miller Gardens Pk (Matteson, Cook Co) (pr), 30 May (SDB); BraidwoodL, 8-10 Jun (JHH); KankakeeR SP (2), 1 Jun (JHH); Prairie Green Twp (Iroquois Co), 20 Jun (SDB); Gifford Sanitary Plant (Champaign Co) (pr), 1 Jun-9 Jul (SDB); MidFork (pr), 23 Jul (EJC); Champaign (Perkins Rd), 6 Jun (EJC); Champaign (U of I campus), 25 Jun (fide EJC); LDDP (3), 22 Jul (TAM); *St. Clair* (4), 30 Jul (KAM); *Wayne* (2), 5 Jul (RES); Chauncey M (Lawrence Co), 7 & 13 Jun (CLH); *Wabash* (3), 19 Jul (KAM).

Upland Sandpiper

MC: 12, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.). **Others**: Suez Twp (Mercer Co) (2), 11 Jun (DFS); Double-T SF&WA (2), 9 Jun (MJB); Clayton Twp (Woodford Co) (4 using no-till bean fields), Jun, w/one there 11 Jul (MJW, m.ob.); Monticello Rd. FS (Champaign Co), Jun (fide EJC); LDDP, 24 Jul (TAM); PrRdg-J (Donsbach Tract)(4&3), 26 May – 10 Jun (JWW, CLH, RES); PrRdg-M (3), 11 Jun -21 Jul (JWW, et al.); CarlL-C, 31 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Ruddy Turnstone

NBSO:Northwestern University, Evanston (Cook Co), 18 Jun (JT); Wood Dale (DuPage Co) (ad), 11 Jun (ABA).

Dunlin

NBSO:WinthropH (2, one w/leg wound), 18-23 Jun (EWW).

American Woodcock

Breeding: GLPSP (ad w/2 fledgling chicks), 27 Jun (DBa); MSF&WA (Collison Marsh) (nest w/2 newly hatched yg), 2 Apr (fide SDB). **MC**: 12, *Iroquois* (MOON), 5 May (TB); 10, IBSP, 9 May (EWW); 5, WinthropH, 12 Jun (KKM). **Others**: Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 6 Jul (SDB); Salt Crk Pk FP (DuPage Co), 11 Jun (ABA); Mid Meadows, 9 Jun (ABA); PlumCrk, 10 Jun (ABA); Nachusa, 26 Jun (ABH); ICCA, 6 Jun (GAW); Mt. Vernon (Jefferson Co), 19 Jun (SDB).

Wilson's Snipe

SpgBlf (ad), 30 Jun (EWW). Breeding?; BusseWds (flushed out of sedge meadow), 19 Jul (ABA); BraidwoodL, 4 Jun (DFS); Farina Wetland (Fayette Co), 9 Jun (RES, CLH). Migrant or breeding attempt?;

Wilson's Phalarope

Bolingbrook (Will Co) (ad M w/2 juv), 3 Jul (UWG). Nesting location or early migrant?

Red-necked Phalarope

NBSO:Midewin, **8-10 Jun** (BG et al.).

Laughing Gull

Breeding: WinthropH (Pr cop & showing courtship behavior), 31 May (EWW, DRD).

Others: Montrose (ad on 4 dates between 4 - 29 Jun; breeding as last year?) (RDH, KH ph, SGS ph); Maz/Braid (Will & Grundy Co) (molting ad), 30 Jun - 4 Jul (JBH ph, JAS, DFS); Sang (ad), 21 Jun (HDB); Grafton (Jersey Co), 25 Jul (DR); CarlL-C (2nd cycle & juv), 14 & 19 Jul resp (DMK ph, MSS).

Franklin's Gull

NBSO: *Kendall* (2), 6 Jun (UWG); LaSalleL (2 ad), 11 Jul (EWW ph et al.); Braceville Twp (Grundy Co) (imm), 3 Jul (JHH); L & D 18 (Henderson Co) (2), 11 Jun (DFS); Emiquon (ThompsonL) (ad), 1-2 Jul (KBR), & 3, 26 Jul (MJB, KBR); Sang (2nd yr), 10-12 Jun & (basic plum) 25 Jul (HDB); Alton L&D (Madison Co) (2), 2 Jul+ (EWW); CarlL-C (juv), 26 Jul (DMK ph, MSS).

Bonaparte's Gull

NBSO: WinthropH (1st summer) & Waukegan (Lake Co) (2-1st summer), 4 Jun & 5 Jun (BJS & EWW resp); Northwestern University (Evanston, Cook Co) (1st summer), 9 Jun (JT); Montrose 3 (1st summer), 9 Jun (SGS ph) & (2 ad), 30 Jul (GAW); Sang (juv; earliest ever), 29 Jul (HDB).

Ring-billed Gull

Breeding: Waukegan (Lake Co) (81 nests w/ many juvs fledged by 23 Jun. Nests built by 9 May w/cop 15 May); Wood Dale nesting colony (DuPage Co), 7 Mar (450 ad & a few partially built nests), 18 Apr (1,430 ad & 410 nests w/ad on & 8 pr cop), 23 May (500+ ad but all nests gone), 11 Jun

(650 ad incl 2 family groups w/1 & 2 juv), 30 Jul (270 ad w/3 family groups w/1,2, & 3 yg) (ABA); Des Plaines (Cook Co) ad feeding juv near old rooftop colony site & 2 slightly older juv on 5 Aug (ABA); LCal (WolfL) (2 fresh juv), 28 Jun (WJM). **MC**: 974 (w/many juv), 11 Jul (GAW); 900, WinthropH, 24 Jun (EWW); 400, CarlL-C, 21 & 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 247 (incl 9 juv from unknown nestsite outside JP), JP, 1 Jul (PRC); 200, TwoRivers, 23-24 Jul (DMK, KAM); 200, RendL, 4 Jul (DMK); 252, BraidwoodL, 1 Jul (but #s increasing significantly between 24-27 Jun (64-160) & only 41 on 8 Jun (JHH). **Others**: LaSalleL (20 & juv), 9 & 11 Jul (KAM & EWW resp). Nesting nearby?; Onarga (Iroquois Co) (flying south along I-57), 8 Jul (SDB); Sang, 1 Jul (ad) & 17 Jul (juv) (HDB); EForkL, 29 Jun (CLH); CarlL-C (1st bird), 13 Jun, then 80 by 1 Jul (DMK, MSS); *Wabash* (60), 19 Jul (KAM); RendL (60), 18 Jul (DMK, MSS).

California Gull

NBSO: NPM (ad), 13-14 Jun, 4 & 29 Jul (TBL ph, JSS ph & JWL, JSg resp et al.).

Herring Gull

MC: 125, WinthropH, 24 Jun (EWW). **Others**: BraidwoodL (ad & 1st cycle), 29 Jun (JHH); CarlL, 5 Jun-30 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

NBSO: WinthropH (2, 3rd & 1st summer), 29 Jun (EWW).

Great Black-backed Gull

NBSO: Waukegan (Lake Co) (1st summer), 5 Jun (EWW).

Black-legged Kittiwake

NBSO: Emiquon (ThompsonL) (1st yr), 28 Jun (KBR).

Caspian Tern

Breeding: 1st Illinois breeding record. Chi (230 ad, 67 yg, w/5-6 ad still on nests), 6 & 9 Jul (SJH ph, DFS). **MC**: 81, BraidwoodL, 30 Jun (but only 4-18 there 4-29 Jun) & juv (8 Jul) (JHH); 40 (increasing daily), Emiquon (ThompsomL), 4 Jul (KBR), but (4), 9 Jun (MJB); 34, nw of Kankakee (resting in field), 20 Jun (JHH); 34, Sang, 12 Jul (HDB); 21, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 20, LaSalleL, 9 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM); 18, (incl 5 juv from unknown nestsite outside JP), JP, 19 Jul (PRC); 15 (1 juv), WinthropH, 20 Jun (EWW); 15 (incl 1 juv), CBG, 26 Jul (SG, DP); 15 (many juvs), Montrose, 11 Jul (GAW); 13 (10 ad, 3 juv), HGC, 20 Jul (WJM). **Others**: RedwingSl (6), 7 Jul (SDB); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (7), 29 May (SDB); Saganashkee Sl (Cook Co) (5), 25 Jun (SDB); HeideckeL (Grundy Co) (2), 11 Jul (DFS); HennepinL, 12 Jun (DFS); Bolingbrook (Will Co) (2), 3 Jul (UWG); Sang, 1-7 birds on 9 dates, 2-21 Jun (HDB); HomerL, 19 Jul (JOS); LDDP (2), 24 Jul (TAM); Mel Price L & D (Madison Co), 14 Jun (FRH); KLMSNA, 9 Jul (KAM); *Wayne* (Bailey Wetland), 6 Jun (RES, CLH); *Wabash* (Amax prop), 9 Jul (CLH).

ROYAL TERN

NBSO: LaSalleL, 9-10 Jul (APS, AFS, DMK ph, m.ob. ph); Another (same?) bird was reported at Emiquon (ThompsonL), 5 Jul (KBR).

Common Tern

Breeding: GLNTC (After predation at the nesting area again this year, a makeshift, floating nesting structure was made and placed in L Michigan near the nesting colony site. Before predation: 47 ad w/20 nests hatched 6 chicks w/ an additional 54 eggs as of 5 Jun (DRD); On new floating nest platform on 9 Jul, 24 ad had 7 nests w/34 eggs, w/30 ad 16 nests & 24 eggs (incl a nest w/4 eggs), 16 Jul & 14 ad, 8 nests w/14 eggs & 3 juv, 14 Aug & 6 ad, 2 chicks a few days from fledging, 2 dead chicks & 14 unhatched eggs (DRD). **MC**: 47, GLNTC, see above. **NBSO**: LaSalleL (2 & 6), 9 & 11 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM et al. & UWG resp); Emiquon (ThompsonL) (3), 18 Jun (KBR); Sang (3) 11 Jun & (6) 6 Jul (HDB); HL, 14 Jun (FRH); EForkL, 14 Jul (CLH, DMK, MSS). **Others**: IBSP (pr), 23 Jun (EWW).

ARCTIC TERN

NBSO: Emiquon (ThompsonL) (ad in alt plum), 2 Jun – **4 Jul**]

Royal Tern next to much larger Caspian Tern. LaSalle Lake, LaSalle County. 9 July 2009. Photo by Greg Neise.

Least Tern chick. Wabash County. 20 July 2009. Photo by Bob Shelby.

Forster's Tern

NBSO: RedwingSl, 7 Jul (SDB); WinthropH (6 2nd summer), 20 Jun (EWW); HennepinL, 12 Jun (DFS); LaSalleL (6), 9 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM et al.); BraidwoodL (4 in alt plum), 20 & 27 Jun (JHH); L & D 18 (Henderson Co), 11 Jun (DFS); Emiquon & BannerMarsh (Fulton Co), 18 Jun (2) & 3 Jul (KBR & UWG resp); Sang, (ad) 22 Jul & (8 ad, juv) 25 Jul (HDB); LDDP (2), 24 Jul (TAM); TwoRivers (11), 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); HL, 1 & 12 (4) Jul (FRH); CarlL-C (1-3), 26-31 Jul (DMK, MSS); SantaFe (2), 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); EForkL (3), 25 Jun (CLH). **Note**: No longer nests in former breeding location(s).

Least Tern

Breeding: *Wabash* (6 ad w/3 chicks), 20 Jul (CLH, RES ph). However 1st bird noted 5 Jun, w/11 by 19 Jun & 14-16 seen cop and courtship feeding minnows on 29 Jun. Eight ad & a downy chick on 12 Jul. At least 3 nests (CLH); BaldwinL (Randolph Co) (14 ad w/2 chicks), 19 Jul (MJB, DJM). **MC**: 45, Gorham (Jackson Co), 20 Jun (KAM, COS); 42, Dogtoothl, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 17+, *Wabash*, 13 Jul (CLH); 16, BaldwinL (see above); 6, Alton (Madison Co), 5 Jul (DMK); 6, Moro 1 (Randolph Co), 9 Jun (KAM). **Others**: **CRSNA (Johnson Co)**(ad), 21 Jun (KAM, COS); ECapeGir (4), 24 Jun (REF, JAS). **NBSO**: HeideckeL (Grundy Co) (ad), 11 Jul (DFS); Emiquon (1-2), 18-25 Jun & 2 Jul (KBR, REF, KDF); NewtonL (Jasper Co), 14 Jul (RES); HL (2), 3 Jul (DMK).

Black Tern

Breeding: ElizabethL (McHenry Co) (8 ad), 11 Jul, but present all summer at this longtime breeding area (EWW) & 23 there 1 Jun (DBJ); RedwingSl (30 ad carrying food & agitated near mat nesting area), 11 Jun – 7 Jul (SDB). **MC**: 200, Emiquon (Thompson Lk), 18 Jun, w/some thru 28 Jun (KBR) & 8 there 3 Jul (REF, KDF, UWG); 76, Carl-C, 15 Jul (CLH); 25, GooseL CA (see below); 16, Sang, see below; 16, KLMSNA, 16 Jul (DMK); 14, CarlL-C, 31 Jul (DMK, MSS, TAM). **NBSO**: DYNL (5), 11 Jul (DJS); McGinnisSl (5), 4 Jul (RLS, JDn); BraidwoodL (11; in mid-molt), 20 Jun (JHH); Emiquon (8), 3 Jul (UWG); Sang, 1-16 birds on 5 dates, 5-19 Jun & 1-5 birds on 3 dates, 1-4 Jul (HDB); TwoRivers (8), 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); Farina Wetland (Fayette Co) (ad), 9 Jun (CLH); GaskinL (Clay Co) (2), 17 Jul (CLH); *Wayne* (Bailey Wetland) (3), 15 Jul (CLH); Moro 1 (Randolph Co) (4), 9 Jun (KAM). **Others**: GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (10), 29 May & 6 Jul (EWW & SDB resp), but 25 there, 3 Jul (KML) & & 14 Jul (3 incl juv) (BJS); COLSP (6 incl juv), 13 Jul (BJS, MS). **Note**: Becoming difficult to distinguish between arriving and departing birds. Do many simply oversummer?

Barn Owl young in nest box, Lick Creek. Union County. 11 June 2009. Photo by Robert Iltis.

(CAT, TLK); 115, *Monroe*, 25 Jul (CAT, TLK); 110, *Marion/Clinton Cos*, 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); 108, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 93, Hoyleton (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 83, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 78, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 74, Momence (sod farm) (Kankakee Co), 31 Jul (JHH); 61, Fairbury_, 4 Jun (VMK); 61, St. Morgan_ , 6 Jun (KAM); 60, BurntPrairie_9 Jun (VMK); 58, Stillwell_, 2 Jun (VMK); 56, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 55, sw *Adams*, 29 Jun (AGD); 52, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB); 47, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 47, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 47, Pulaski_, 12 Jun (VMK); 44, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 42, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 40, Monticello_, 9 Jun (EJC).

Monk Parakeet

Breeding: Addison (DuPage Co) (2 @ lg nest), 22 Mar (UWG); Churchill FP (DuPage Co), 19 Jul (DL); Skokie (Cook Co) (2 nest-building atop cell tower), 14 Aug (DRD); LCal (Burnham colony of 25 birds, 12 nests incl pr nest-building), 21 Jun (WJM); LCal (1-2 birds @ 4 other nests, 3 on cell towers), 26 May – 30 Jul (WJM); **MC**: 25, LCal, see above; 17, HGC, 14 Jun (WJM). **Other: Exline (Kankakee Co)**, 3 Jun (JBH ph).

Black-billed Cuckoo

Breeding: MArb (fledgling), 29 Jun (M&LN). **Others**: The Hollows FP (McHenry Co), 21 Jun (JRS, BD); IBSP (Sand Pond), 21 Jun (BJS, et al.) & (South Unit), 28 Jul (SG, CSF, AAA); GreeneVal, 12 Jun (MAM); West Chicago Pra FP (DuPage Co) (pr), season (MRB); HiddenL FP (DuPage Co), 28 Jul (SG); JP, 19 Jul (PRC); Jarvis (juv), 21 Jul (KH ph); LowdMil, 20 Jun (REF, KDF, et al.); Nachusa (ad), 7 & 11 Jun (VMK, et al. & ABH resp); Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 13 Jul (AS); HeideckeL (Grundy Co), 11 Jul (DFS); The Grove NHL (Cook Co), 6 Jun (JPL); Bode Lakes FP (Cook Co), 20 Jun (SS); John J. Duffy Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 & 13 Jun (RLS); Mid Meadows, 9 Jun (ABA); PlumCrk, 10 Jun (ABA); BraidwoodL, 4 Jun-7 Jul (JHH); KankakeePks, 18 Jul (JBH); MBC, 31 May-7 Jul (MJW, MEF); Emiquon, 3 Jul (UWG); Fall Crk (Adams Co) (2), 4 Jun (AGD); RamseyL SP (Fayette Co), 12 Jun (DMK); KLMSNA, 27 Jun (DMK, MSS). **NBSO**: Montrose, 6 Jun & Jarvis, 21 Jul (juv), (RDH & KH ph resp); Rantoul (Champaign Co) (unusual occurrence in a city subdivision), 30 Jul (SDB);
Note: None detected in extensive travels throughout northern Illinois (EWW). Recently designated a state- threatened species.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Breeding: CRSNA (Buttonland Swamp) (pr w/yg), 3 Jul (SDB, SLD). **MC**: 8, Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 10-12 Jun (SDB); 8, Potawotami Wds FP (Cook Co), 11 Jun (AR); 8, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 7, *Randolph*, 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 6, Woodford SF&WA (Woodford Co), 21 Jun (MJW); 6, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 11 Jun (DMK); 6, Ramsey Lake SP (Fayette Co), 12 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, SniderL & FoxL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); 5, Pulaski_, 12 Jun (VMK); 5, KankakeeR SP (Will & Kankakee Cos), 20 Jun (RDH); 4, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB); 4, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 4, TwoRivers, 24-25 Jul (KAM, DMK, MSS); 4, CarlL-C, 30-31 Jul (DMK, MSS); 4, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co), 14 Jul (DMK, MSS, CLH). **Others**: RedwingSl (2), 14 Jun (SDB); Campton FP (Kane Co (2), 5 Jun (ABH); Salt Crk Pk FP (DuPage Co) (2), 11 Jun (ABA); Bode Lakes FP (Cook Co), 20 Jun (SS); Montrose, 23 Jun (GAW); JP, singles on 1 Jun & 5 Jul (PRC); BraidwoodL (4), 24-27 Jun (JHH); *Kankakee* (3), 6 Jun (GAW, IOS); KankakeePks (2), 26 Jun (JHH); MBC (3), 8 Jun (MJW); Mostly only 1-2 birds found @ many Greater Chicagoland locations (m.ob.).

Barn Owl

Breeding: Raymond (Montgomery Co) (3 yg, w/2 fledged 2 Aug & 3rd to rehab center) (RP, VMK); *Clinton* (calling @ nest box), 25-26 Jul (DMK, MSS); Lick Creek (Union Co) (6 yg, banded), 11 Jun (CH, VMK, RI ph); Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co) (ad screaming next to large nest cavity in cypress tree), 11 Jun – 7 Jul (MML, et al.).

Rock Pigeon

Breeding: Ivesdale (Champaign Co) (ad @ nest w/1 well-grown yg perched on edge of nest), 9 Jul (SDB); Champaign (ad on nest), season (fide EJC). **MC**: 85, *Monroe*, 25 Jul (CAT, TLK); 80, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 60, TwoRivers, 23 Jul (DMK); 43, Montrose, 11 Jul (GAW); 40, HL, 3 Jun (DMK, MSS, APS).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Breeding: Augusta (Hancock Co) (nest building), 7 Mar (EWW). **MC**: 19, Leverett (Champaign Co), 24 Jul (SDB); 16, Ivesdale (Champaign Co), 9 Jul (SDB); 11, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, Farina (Fayette Co), 6 Jun (SDB); 10, CarlL-C, 31 Jul (DMK, MSS); 9, Stillwell_, 2 Jun (VMK); 6, *Monroe*, 25 Jul (CAT, TLK); 5, Granite City (Madison Co), 25 Jul (KAM). **Others**:, *Henry* 11 Jun (DFS); Florid (Putnam Co), 25 Jul (EWW); Plainfield (Will Co), 6 Jun (UWG); Braidwood (Will Co), 10 Jun & 3 Jul (JHH & UWG resp); *Livingston*, 9 Jul (KAM); Stockland Twp (Iroquois Co), 20 Jun (SDB); Townline Rd (Tazewell Co), 3 Jul (UWG); *Logan* (2), 5 Jul (KAM); Montgomery (2), 3 Jul (KAM); Newton (Jasper Co) (2), 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); PrRdg-J, 24 Jun (DMK, MSS); Jamestown_ (3), 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); HL, 1 Jun (FRH); Granite City (Madison Co), 3 Jun (DMK, MSS, APS); Dudleyville_ (2), 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); St. Elmo (Fayette Co) (2), 1 Jul (DMK); Ramsey (Fayette Co), 21 Jun (DMK); Huey (Clinton Co), 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); Clay City (Clay Co) (4), 14 Jul (DMK, MSS); Stevenson Twp (Marion Co), 6 Jun (SDB); Sandoval (Marion Co) (2), 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); Columbia_ (3), 7 Jun (KAM); Hoyleton (Washington Co) (4), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); Maeystown (Monroe Co) (2), 15-16 Jul (DMK, MSS); Ruma (Randolph Co), 2-20 Jul (DMK, MSS); Evansville (Randolph Co) (2), 11 Jul (DMK, MSS); Pinckneyville (Perry Co) (2), 18 Jul (DMK, MSS); Hamilton Co SF&WA, 19 Jun (DMK, MSS); Also reported in Coal City, Braceville & Braidwood in E. Grundy & W. Will Cos, 4 Jul (DFS). **Note**: Now found in most small, rural towns, especially those with grain elevators for easy food source.

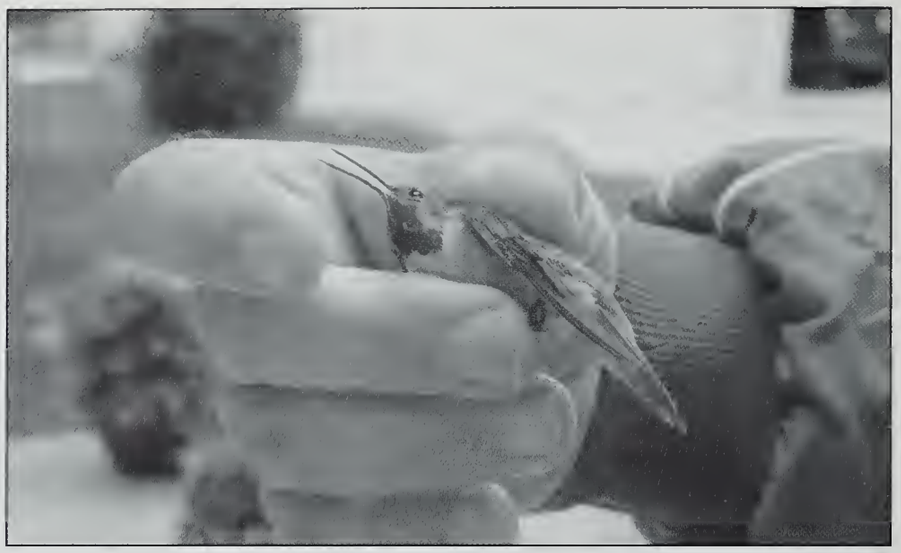
White-winged Dove, Colchester, McDonough County. 17 June 2009. Photo by Ed Franks.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

NBSO: Colchester (McDonough Co), 17 Jun (E&EF ph).

Mourning Dove

Breeding: Mundelein (Lake Co) (ad incubating nest w/2 eggs), 5 May (SDB). **MC**: 600, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 285, *Randolph*, 26 Jul



Adult male Rufous Hummingbird, Bowen, Hancock County. 18 July 2009. Photo by Judy Reuschel. Banded by Vernon Kleen.

Eastern Screech-Owl

Breeding: Somonauk (DeKalb Co) (ad w/juv), 24 Jul (DJS). **MC**: 5, *Hancock* (Moon) (BR); 5, FerneClyffe, 20 Jun (KAM, COS). **Others**: Zion (Lake Co) (2 pr), Apr-Jun (EWW); COLSP, 29 May (EWW); Harms Wds (Cook Co) (2), 22 Jul (SG); *Iroquois*, 26 Jun (CAT); CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); *Monroe*, 25 Jul (CAT, TLK).

Great Horned Owl

Breeding: IBSP (nest), 1 Mar-18 Apr (EWW); DuPage Co Apt (ad @ nest), 14 Mar (DJS); LArlington (Cook Co) (2 ad w/one yg), 26 Apr (JCB); Chi (Mt Greenwood Cem) (2 fledglings), 1 Mar (WJM); Palos (downy fledgling not capable of flight found in road), 23 Apr (JM ph); L Renwick (Will Co) (juv among heron colony), 6 Jun (UWG); Dresden Rd (Grundy Co) (ad on nest), 15 & 21 Mar (GN ph & UWG resp); Bushnell (McDonough Co) (ad 1st seen on nest 25 Feb, & later fledged one yg. Nest tree blew down in storm after yg fledged) (LLH); CarlL-C (2 yg near nest), 18 Apr (UWG). **Others**: MArb (juv), 27 Jun (J&JZ); Perdueville HA (Ford Co), 10 Jul (SDB); Lafayette Twp (Coles Co) (juv), 14 Jul (SDB); Silver Crk (St. Clair Co), 31 Jul (DMK); Nashville (Washington Co), 16 Jun (SDB); TwoRivers, 25 Jul (KAM); *Fayette*, 27 Jul (KAM); CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); KLMSNA, 16 Jul (DMK).

Barred Owl

MC: 17, *Piatt* (Moon), 4 May (TB); 15, *Woodford* (MOON), 10 May (AC); 12, *Jo Daviess* (MOON), 9 Jun (DE et al.); 9, *Stark* (MOON), 11 May (JWW); 6, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 6 (3 calling prs), Elk Twp (SniderL, Jackson Co), 30 Jun (SDB, SLD); 4, FerneClyffe (MOON), 2 Jun (SDB). **Others**: Nachusa (2), 28 May-17 Jun (ABH); River Forest (Cook Co), 29 Jun & 28 Jul (JSA); KankakeeR SP, 1 Jun (JHH); Riverbend (season) (pr) (fide EJC); Hensley Twp (**Champaign Co**) (pr), 11 Jun (SDB); KCP & FGP (pr @ each), Jun (BS & MFC resp); *Montgomery* (2), 16 Jun (CAT); Haines Twp (Marion Co), 6 Jun (SDB); *Monroe* (2), 25 Jul (CAT, TLK); *Randolph*, 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); Blairsville Twp (Williamson Co) (3 @ 2 locations incl/pr), 18 Jun (SDB).

Short-eared Owl

Breeding: PrRdg-J (juv), 4 Aug (RES, CLH). **Other**: MBC, 21 Jul (MEF).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

LostMound (MOON), calling M 15 Apr & 17 May (likely breeding) (DE et al.).Most wintering/migrant Saw-whets have passed through/out of Illinois between early Mar – mid-Apr.

Common Nighthawk

MC: 9, DuQuoin (Perry Co), 16 & 30 Jun (SDB); 7, *Jo Daviess* (MOON), 9 Jun (DE et al.); 6, Belleville (St. Clair Co), 25 Jun (DMK); 5, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 30 Jun (KAM); 5, Nashville (Washington Co), 16 Jun (SDB); 4 (3 locations), Mt. Vernon (Jefferson Co), 18-19 Jun (SDB); 4 (2 locations), Salem (Marion Co), 5 Jun (SDB). **Others**: Zion (Lake Co), 7 Jul (EWW); Des Plaines (Cook Co), 28 May-13 Jun (ABA); Oak Park (Cook Co) (thru summer), w/8 there 4 Aug (JSA, DJA); Chi (Graceland Cem), 10 Jun (CLW); Chi (N. Clark St) (2), 20 Jul (GAW); Chi (Wicker Pk), 9 Jun (ND); Chi (Hyde Pk) (calling singles), 27 Jun-15 Aug (PRC). 1st calling summer birds since Jun 2003.; Morris (Grundy Co) (2), 10 Jul (SDB); BraidwoodL (2), 8 Jun-5 Jul & (3) 7-8 Jul (JHH); Kankakee, 21 Jul (JHH); KankakeePks (2), 18 Jul (JBH); Metamora (Woodford Co), 23 Jun (TE); Milford (Iroquois Co), 20 Jun (SDB); Marshall (Clark Co), 7 Jun (SDB); Fairmont City (Madison Co) (2), 2 Jun (KAM); CarlL-C, 15 Jun & 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); Fairview Heights (St. Clair Co), 29 Jun (DMK); Shiloh (St. Clair Co) (2), 6 Jun (KAM); Vandalia (Fayette Co) (2), 27 Jul (SDB); Red Bud (Randolph Co), 15 Jul (DMK); Carmi (White Co), 19 Jun (DMK, MSS); Marion (Williamson Co) (2), 21 Jun (KAM, COS). **Note**: More Chicago area records this summer, but population still continues to decline.

Chuck-will's-widow

Breeding: Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (nest w/egg), 13 Jun (DMK ph, MSS). **MC**: 21 & 14, FerneClyffe (MOON), 2 Jun & 7 May resp (SDB); 4 (calling), Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co), 16 Jun (CLH). **Others**: Big River SF (Henderson Co), 29 Jun (one) & 2 Jul (2 locations) (DJM & PR resp).

Eastern Whip-poor-will

MC: 28 & 17, *Jo Daviess* (MOON), 9 Jun & 8 Jul resp (DE et al); 18, *Iroquois*, 1 Jul (CAT); 16, *Cass* (MOON), season (BA); 10, *Calhoun* (MOON), 12 May (JSy); 7, ICCA, 4 Jul (DJS); 6, IBSP (No. Unit), 5 Jun (EWW); 6, North Utica (LaSalle Co), 5 May (EWW); 6, *Kankakee*, 6 Jun (GAW, IOS). **Others**: IBSP (So. Unit), 8 Jun (BJS); Chi (Ridgemoor Country Club) (calling), 1-3 Jun (RH); Nachusa (M), 6 Jul (ABH); Lively Grove Twp (Washington Co) (2 M), 27 Jun-23 Aug (TD). **Notes**: "Notably missing from FGP" (MJC); Big River SF (Henderson Co) ("abundant"), 2 Jul (PR).

Chimney Swift

Breeding: Des Plaines (Cook Co) (3 entering church pool bathhouse chimney all summer w/2 probable yg seen by mid to late Jul) (ABA). **MC**: 46, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 46, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 44, *St. Clair*, 21 Jul (KAM); 38, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 38, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 30, Grafton (Jersey Co), 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 30, ESTL, 3 Jun (DMK, MSS, APS); 30, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 25, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 30 Jul (KAM); 21, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 20, Belleville (St. Clair Co), 25 Jun (DMK); 19, NoP,18 Jun (GAW).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Breeding: Rckfd (F on nest, then 2 chicks in tree behind house), season (DTW); FGP (nest in oak), 10-11 Jun (MFC). **MC**: 500+ (visiting 40 feeders), Jonesboro (Union Co), Jun/Jul (B&PS fide VMK); 139 (backyard feeders), MRB, 31 Jul (C&PD); 128 (118 banded + 10 banded in previous years), Valmeyer (Monroe Co), 12 Jun (VMK); 103 (85 banded + 18 banded in previous years), Fayetteville (St. Clair Co), 13 Jun (VMK); 95 (87 banded + 8 banded in previous years), TOT, 1-2 Aug (VMK); 51 (banded), Tamalco (Bond Co), 18 Jun (VMK, DMK, MSS); 50 (banded), Kellerville (Adams Co), 1 Jun (VMK); 47 (41 banded + 6 banded in previous years), Bethany (Moultrie Co), 28 Jun (VMK); 10, *Edwards*, 26 Jul (RES); 8, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 7 (5M,2F), Table Grove (Fulton Co), 4 Jul (KAM); 6, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co), 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: SpgBlf (M), 14 Jun (EWW); IBSP (2), 14 Jul (EWW, JWL); MidSav (F), 19 Jun (EWW); Montrose (M @ same perch for 3 weeks), last noted 5 Jul (LGM); LCal (Eggers Grove FP) (3), 28 Jul & 3 other singles at other LCal locales, 14 Jun-20 Jul (WJM); Jarvis, 5(M) & 26(F) Jul (LGM); JP (2 summering M) (PRC et al.), w/ one keeping same territory (at same two perches) for third consecutive summer, the other for the second consecutive summer. Unknown as summer resident prior to 2007 (PRC).; Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co) (3), 6 Jun (SDB); SantaFe (4), 11 Jul (DMK, MSS); TwoRivers (4), 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (4), 14 Jul (DMK, MSS, CLH). **Note**: "Highest numbers ever of RTHU captured and observed at nearly all banding locations this year" (VMK).

Rufous Hummingbird

NBSO: Bowen (Hancock Co) (adult M, banded), 18 Jul (VMK, JR ph).

Belted Kingfisher

Breeding: Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co) (pr entering bank burrow), 25 Apr (DJS); StarvedRock (pr w/3 full grown yg), 11 Jul (EWW); Riverbend (pr nest building), 18 May (EJC); KCP (pr agitated at canoeists at a river bank hole), 12 Jun (MFC); DongolaL (family group of 3 perched together w/ fish), 4 Jun (SDB). **MC**: 6, COLSP, 13 Jul (BJS, MS); 4, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Other**: JP (3), 21 Jul (KMC). **Note**: Many observations of 1-2 birds statewide.

Red-headed Woodpecker

Breeding: Chi (Rainbow Beach) (2 ad w/juv), 31 Jul (DFS); KankakeePks (juv), 21 Jul (JHH); MBC (family group of 4), 7 Jul (MEF); Georgetown (Vermilion Co) (nest), season (MFC). **MC**: 30, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 13, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB). **Others**: Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 10 Jun (SDB); MidSav (2), 16 Jul (ASl); Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co), 12 Jul (DJS); Wheaton (Lincoln M, DuPage Co), 14 Jun (DBk); Mid Meadows (ad), 9 Jun (ABA); Cranberry Sl (Palos) (2), 4 Jul (KKM); Midewin (2), 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); BraidwoodL (3), 22 Jun (JHH); KankakeeR SP (Will & Kankakee Cos) (5), 1&9 Jun (JHH); KankakeePks (3), 26 Jun-21 Jul (JHH); *Iroquois*, 1 Jul (CAT); Chau (2) & BannerMarsh (Fulton Co) (2), 3 Jul (UMG); Spfld L, 24 Jun (KAM); MidFork (2), 23 Jul (EJC); Bond, 18 Jun (CAT, TLK); PrRdg-J (2), 24 Jun (DMK, MSS); E. Alton (Madison Co), 29 Jul (KAM); Jamestown_ (3), 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); Dudleyville_ (2), 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); CarlL-C (4), 31 Jul (DMK, MSS); Kinmundy Twp (Marion Co) (2), 6 Jun (SDB); St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); Levee Rd (Monroe Co (2), 2 Jul (DMK); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (2), 14 Jul (DMK, MSS, CLH); Hamilton Co SF&WA (2), 19 Jun (DMK, MSS); BurntPrairie_ (3), 9 Jun (VMK); *Massac* (2), 21 Jun (KAM, COS). **Note**: "Only one observed all summer" (ABA).

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Breeding: Lakewd (2+ yg calling in nest cavity), 10 Jun (SDB); MArb (ad w/fledgling), 22 Jul (M&LN); Wood Dale Grove FP (DuPage Co) (pr w/ juv & ad w/juv), 3 Jul (ABA); Salt Crk Pk FP (DuPage Co) (F calling from within nest hole), 18 Apr (ABA); River Forest backyard (Cook Co) (pr w/2 juv), 19 Jul (JSA); LCal (Eggers Grove FP (2 fledglings), 28 Jul (WJM). **MC**: 23, SwallowCliff, 21 Jun (DFS); 22, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 18, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 16, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 15, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 14, Lakewd, 10 Jun (SDB); 14, *Jasper*, 24 Jun (DMK, MSS); 13, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 13, BurntPrairie_, 9 Jun (VMK); 11, Camp Point_, 1 Jun (VMK); 11, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 12 Jun-6 Jul (SDB).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

None reported.

Downy Woodpecker

Breeding: Mid Meadows (F feeding 2 fledglings), 9 Jun (ABA); Jarvis (2 fledglings), 28 Jun (LGM); Wheaton (DuPage Co) (pr cop), 23 Apr (LC); Wood Dale Grove FP (DuPage Co) (F feeding 2 juv), 23 Jul (ABA); Labagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (pr w/2 fledged yg), 28 Jun (KKM). **MC**: 21 (ad & yg), LCal, 12 Jun (WJM); 17, LowdMil, 3 Jul (DFS); 16, Lakewd, 10-24 Jun (SDB); 11, SniderL & FoxL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); 10, Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 10 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 10 (3 pr ad & 4 juv), River Forest backyard (Cook Co), 19 Jul (JSA); 9, Hensley & Condit Twps (Champaign Co), 30 Jun (SDB); 9, Jasper Co, 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 8, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 7, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Hairy Woodpecker

Breeding: River Forest backyard (Cook Co) (pr feeding 2 juv), 9 Jul (JSA); Chi (Humboldt Pk) (F feeding fledgling in nest cavity), 12 Jun (SBB); KankakeePks, 1+ fledgling, 26 Jun (JHH);MidFork (fledged family), 30 Jun (fide EJC). **MC**: 7, Lakewd, 9-24 Jun (SDB); 5 (4 territories), Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 12 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 4, KankakeePks, 26 Jun (JHH); 4, Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co), 14 Jul (CLH, DMK, MSS); 4, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 3, Jasper, 24 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Most observers with observations of only 1-2 birds statewide (m.ob.).

Northern Flicker

Breeding: WinthropH (Lake Co) (male going to nest, yg heard), 12 Jun (KKM); 179th/Cen (ad flew into nest hole w/food), 9 Jun (ABA); Salt Crk Pk FP (DuPage Co) (pr w/juv), 12 Jul (ABA); MArb (ad feeding nesTBLings @ cavity & ad w/juv), 12 & 24 Jun resp (M&LN); LArlington (Cook Co) (excavating nest hole), 30 Mar (JCB); NoP (2 at 2 nest holes), 6 Jun (GAW); Papineau Twp (Iroquois Co) (2 prs @ nest cavities), 4 May (SDB); Georgetown (Vermilion Co) (nest), season (MFC). **MC**: 14, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 6, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.). **Note**: "Very scarce this year – maximum of only one on any of the ten BBS routes completed" (VMK).

Pileated Woodpecker

Breeding: AllertonPk (ad excavating cavity 35 ft up in dead snag on 25 Jan & ad feeding 2 F yg sticking heads out of nest hole on 24 Jun) (OK ph vid). **MC**: 6, Green Oaks FS (Knox Co), 4 Jun (DJM); 5, SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun & 1 Jul (SDB); 4, BeaverdamL_, 19 Jun (VMK). **Others**: IBSP, 31 May (EWW); LowdMil, 3 Jul (DFS); SwallowCliff, 1 Jun (KKM); Kankakee River SP, 9 Jun (JHH); Dallas City (Henderson Co), 7 Jul (EWW); Split Rock L (LaSalle Co), 11 Jul (EWW); **Hensley Twp (Champaign Co)**, 11 Jun (SDB); Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co) (3), 6 Jun (SDB); Columbia_ (3), 7 Jun (KAM).

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Breeding: Dorr Twp (McHenry Co) (building nest in Burr Oak), 12 Jun (SDB); MArb (ad w/yg), 21 Jul (J&JZ); Mid Meadows (ad on nest in White Oak), 9 Jun (ABA); CBG (juv begging from nearby pr), 29 Aug (& M still present 12 Sep) (ABA); SwallowCliff (ad carrying food), 1 Jun (WSS). **MC**: 36, SwallowCliff, 21 Jun (DFS); 25, Lakewd, 10 Jun (SDB); 18, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 18, SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); 17, LowdMil, 3 Jul (DFS); 17, KankakeeR SP (Will & Kankakee Cos), 20 Jun (RDH); 15, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 14, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 14, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 13, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 13, *Jackson*, 17 Jun (KAM); 12, Hensley & Condit Twps (Champaign Co), 30 Jun (SDB); 12, Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 12 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 11, *Jasper*, 24 Jun (DMK, MSS); 9, King's Grove FP (Cook Co), 10 Jun (ABA); 8, PlumCrk, 10 Jun (ABA); 8, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 8, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Other**: Jarvis, Jun (but not noted in Jul) (LGM); NoP, 3 Jun (late spring migrant) (GAW); Montrose 23 Jul (early fall migrant) (GAW); JP, 14 Jun (late migrant?), but singing M, 12 Jul (PRC).

Acadian Flycatcher

Breeding: Miller-And (several ads feeding fledglings), 5 Jul (CKM, JMc); FGP (3 nests), 9-11 Jun (MFC); Elk Twp (SniderL, Jackson Co) (pr feeding yg @ nest), 30 Jun (SDB). **MC**: 23 (17 M), SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 1 Jul (SDB); 22 &16, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 6 Jun & 20 Jul (SDB & DJS resp); 16, *Jackson*, 17 Jun (KAM); 15, Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co), 21 Jul (DJS); 9, *Jasper*, 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 6, LowdMil, 11 Jul (DRD); 6, *Randolph*, 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 6, Ramsey Lk SP (Fayette Co), 1 Jul (DMK); 6, Fayville Rd (Alexander Co), 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, Pomona, 17 Jun (KAM ph); 5 (M), DongolaL (Union Co), 2 Jul (SDB). **Others**: MissPalis (3), 6 Jun (VMK, et al.); Sugar River FP (Winnebago Co) (3), 3 Jul (DTW); RockCut (3), 12 Jun (DTW); COLSP (M), 9-26 Jun (BJS, DRD); Aurora (Kane Co), 5 Jun (DJS); Pratt'sWW, 3 Jun (DL); Salt Crk Pk FP (DuPage Co) (M), 11 Jun (ABA); Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co) (1-2 M), 2 Jul (JLS); Schubert's Wds FP (Cook Co) (2 M), 10 Jun (ABA); McClaughrey Springs Wds FP (Cook Co), 6 Jun (CBT); Sauk Trail Wds FP (Cook Co) (M), 10 Jun (ABA); Miller-And (3), 12 Jun (DFS); Kankakee River SP (Will Co), 9 Jun (JHH); Green Oaks FS (Knox Co) (2+M), 4 Jun (DJM); KankakeeR SP (2), 1 Jun (JHH); Momence Twp (Kankakee Co) (4), 25 Jun (DFS); Hopedale Twp (Tazewell Co), 11 Jun, (KBR);EvergreenL (Woodford Co) (M), 11-23 Jun (MJW); Hensley Twp (Champaign Co) (2 M), 30 Jun (SDB); HomerL, 3 Jul (fide EJC).

Alder Flycatcher

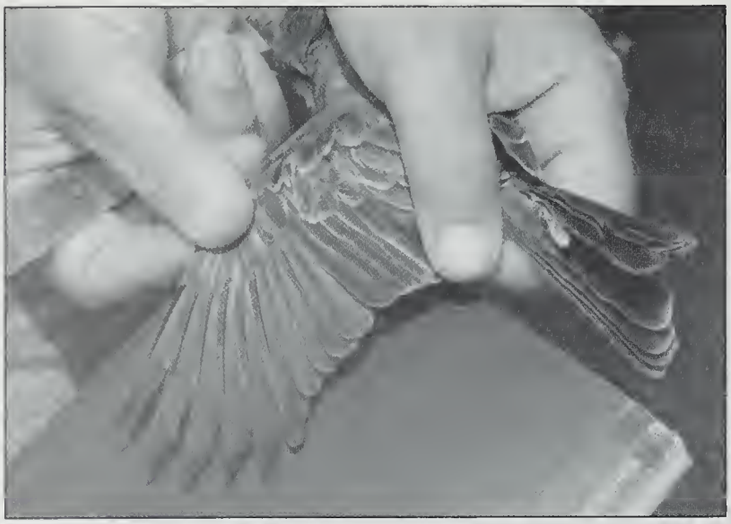
RockCut, 12 Jun (DTW); SpgBlf, 14-20 Jun (EWW); Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co), 21 Jun (EWW); Campton FP (Kane Co) (M), 5-9 Jun (ABH); SpringCrk (M), 6 Jun (one heard one week previous) (ABA).

Willow Flycatcher

Breeding: JPPSP (pr w/juv), 28 Jul (BD); West Branch FP (DuPage Co) (pr feeding 2 juv & ad w/2 juv), 4 Aug (ABA); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (pr ad w/2 begging juv & pr entering shrub w/food for yg), 10 Aug (ABA); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co) (ad w/ 2 juv), 26 Jul (SG); Butterfield Crk Wetlands (Cook Co) (5 incl pr & ad carrying food for yg), 9 Jun (ABA). **MC**: 19, JPPSP, 28 Jul (BD); 12 (7 M, 2 pr), East Branch FP (DuPage Co), 10 Aug (ABA); 11 (7M, 2 pr), SongbirdSl, 8 Jun (ABA); 9 (8 M), RedwingSl, 14 Jun (SDB); 9, West Branch FP (DuPage Co), 4 Aug (ABA); 8, SpgBlf, 19 Jul (EWW); 8 (M), Montgomery (Kane Co), 28 May – 23 Jun (SDB); 7, IBSP, 23 Jun (EWW); 7, SpringCrk (4M, pr), 6 Jun (SS); 6, RockCut, 12 Jun (DTW); 6 (M), LCal, 14 Jun (WJM); 5 (3M, pr), Bode Lks FP (Cook Co), 5 (M), Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co), 30 May & 4 (M) 26 Jun (SDB); 5, Nachusa, Jun/Jul (ABH); 5, BraidwoodL, 4 Jun (JHH); 5 (M), Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB). **Others**: Glacial Pk (McHenry Co) (4), 9 Jun (BJS); RollinsSav (4), 6-23 Jun (DRD et al.); Palatine M (Cook Co) (3), 22 Jul (GAW); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co) (3), 9 Jun (SG); South Green Belt FP (Rich Twp, Cook Co) (3 M), 30 May (SDB); JP (territorial M thru 28 Jun) (KMC); Miller Gardens Pk (Matteson, Cook Co) (2 M), 30 May (SDB); Calumet Park (Cook Co) (2 M), 9 Jun (SDB); ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co) (4), 12 Jun (DJS); Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co) (4), 31 May (DJS); MeadbrkPk (4, 2 pr), 7 Jul (fide EJC); *Wayne*, 13 Jun (RES); Jamestown_ (4), 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); Beaucoup_ (3), 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); CarlL-F, 13 Jun (DMK, MSS); ESTL, 30 Jun (KAM); St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); KLMSNA (2), 27 Jun (DMK, MSS); Grassey Sl (Johnson Co), 21 Jun (KAM); Blairsville Twp (Williamson Co) (2 M), 5 Jun (SDB). **Note**: Many observations of 1-3 birds/prs statewide.

Least Flycatcher

Zion (Lake Co) (M), 23 Jun (EWW); IBSP (Sand Pond), 4 Jun (BJS); GreeneVal (M's, w/one @ same location as previous few Jun records), 4 Jun – 6 Jul & 2 M on 29 Jun (MAM); Bergman Sl (Cook Co) (M), 21 Jun (DFS); Potawotami Wds FP (Cook Co), 25 Jun (AR); Chi (Field Museum & Lincoln Pk), 20 & 26 Jul (early migrants) (DFS & GAW resp); Sang (2 ad), 21 Jul (HDB).



Adult female Tropical Kingbird wing spread. Spring Branch. Bond County. 15 June 2009. Photo by Dan Kassebaum

Adult female Tropical Kingbird, Spring Branch, Bond County. 15 June 2009. Photo by Dan Kassebaum

Eastern Phoebe

Breeding: Rckfd (pr w/2 fledged chicks), 5 Jun (DTW); LowdMil (pr w/4 fledged chicks), 24 May (DTW); Teason Wds FP (Cook Co) (nest w/ yg under bridge), 6 Jul (CK); Labagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (pr w/2 fledged yg), 28 Jun (KKM); SwallowCliff (ad @ nest), 2 Jun (WJM, JWL, KKM); MBC (family group of 4), 7 Jul (MEF); BuseyWds (ad on nest), 29 Jun (EJC); FGP (nest on building), season (MFC). **MC**: 6, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 5, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, *Jo Daviess*, 3 Jul (CAT, TLK); 4, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 4, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, CarlL-C, 19-30 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Great Crested Flycatcher

Breeding: Mid Meadows (ad entering hole w/food), 9 Jun (ABA); SwallowCliff (pr @ nest hole, one carrying nest material), 1 Jun (WSS ph); LCal (HegewischM) (pr nestbuilding@ tree hole), 24 May (WJM); Midewin (ad coming out of nest hole), 4 Jun, (GN ph, JRRS); MBC (family group of 4), 7 Jul (MEF); CRSNA (Buttonland Swamp) (bird carrying snake skin for nest out into swamp), 18 Jun (SDB). **MC**: 15, *Jasper*, 24 Jun (DMK, MSS); 14, Woodford SF&WA (Woodford Co), 21 Jun (MJW); 13, Lakewd, 9-24 Jun (SDB); 12, SwallowCliff, 21 Jun (DFS); 10, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 9, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 9, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 8, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 8, SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); 8, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 7, Mid Meadows (ad entering hole w/food), 9 Jun (ABA);7, Kankakee River SP (Will Co), 1 Jun (JHH); 7, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 6, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 5, JP, 7 Jun (PRC); 5, Kankakee River SP, 9 Jun (JHH). **Other:** Jarvis, season (LGM); Montrose, 11 Jul (GAW).

TROPICAL KINGBIRD

NBSO: Carl-F & Tamalco Twp (Bond Co) (ad F), 13-18 Jun (DD ph, DMK ph, VMK, m.ob ph). 1st state record. This bird was also banded to confirm correct species identity from very similar Couch's Kingbird. Bird noted eating mulberries extensively as well as insects (SDB), though still somewhat emaciated when caught and banded (VMK).

Western Kingbird

Breeding: Columbia (Monroe Co) (2, at nest on latter date), 11 – 27 Jun (DMK ph, MSS); Joppa (Massac Co), 15 Jun-10 Jul (pr feeding yg), but present 23 Apr-5 Aug (FKB). **MC**: 3, Joppa (Massac Co, 2 & 10 Jul (FKB). **Others**: IBSP, 1 Jun (DRD); Spring L Twp (Tazewell Co), 2 Jul (KBR); Granite City (Madison Co), 3-7 Jun (DMK ph, MSS, APS m.ob.); ESTL, 30 Jun (DMK ph, MSS).

Eastern Kingbird

Breeding: Durand (Winnebago Co) (pr w/3 yg), 18 Jul (DTW); Zion (Lake Co) (pr w/2 yg), 21 Jul (EWW); IBSP (nest w/2 yg), 8 Jul (EWW); IBSP (Sand Pond) (pr catching & feeding dragonflies to 3 juv), 26 Jul (SDB, SLD); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (pr feeding juv), 1 Aug (ABA); MArb (pr feeding yg @ nest), 6 Jun (J&JZ); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co) (pr feeding 2-3 fledglings), 24 Jul (SG); CBG (pr feeding nestlings), 26 Jul (SG, DP); Montrose (fledgling), 1 Aug (LGM); JP (6), 1 Jul (PRC), but 4 summering prs w/brood of 3 yg , 1 Jul (KMC); HomerL (ad on nest), 3 Jul (fide EJC); CRSNA (Buttonland Swamp) (pr @ nest in cypress tree in swamp), 18 Jun (SDB). **MC**: 60, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 50, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 24, *Will/Grundy*, 5 Jul (RDH); 14, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 13, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 12, Shabbona Lk SP (DeKalb Co), 12 Jul (DJS); 12, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 11, *Jo Daviess*, 3 Jul (CAT, TLK); 11, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 10, Chi (Rainbow Beach) (2 ad w/juv), 31 Jul (DFS); 10, TwoRivers, 23 Jul (DMK); 9, Lakewd, 9-10 Jun (SDB); 9, East Branch FP (DuPage Co), 1 Aug (ABA); 9 (4 pr), Mid Meadows, 9 Jun (ABA); 9, *Monroe*, 25 Jul (CAT, TLK).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

NBSO: AmnBot, 31 Jul (JH fide DMK).

Loggerhead Shrike

Breeding: LostMound (4 nests), May-Jul (DE). In an ongoing study of this species at LostMound, a nest from one pr contained 9 eggs, a record for this species. After the nest was predated, a 2nd nest, again with 9 eggs, was found from the same pr. Twenty- three shrikes were banded including 20 juv birds.; Tamalco Twp (Bond Co) (1-3, incl juv), 15 -28 Jun (DMK ph, MSS, SDB); *Marion* (family group of 5), 5 Jun (RES); *Edwards* (family group of 4), 7 Jun (RES). **MC**: 22 (singles noted in 7 se IL counties incl *Clay, Edwards, Jasper, Jefferson, Marion, Richland & Wayne*, during established Breeding Season Safe Dates for this species), 11 May – 13 Jul (CLH). **Others**: Seward Twp (Winnebago Co), 2 Aug (DTW ph); Midewin (2), 8-10 Jun (BG et al.), w/2 juv, 1 Aug (EWW); Havana Twp (Mason Co), 9 Jun (MJB); Clement (Marion/Clinton Cos) (2), 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); Sandridge Rd (Clinton Co), 26-31 Jul (DMK, MSS); *Jefferson*, 5 Jun (RES).

White-eyed Vireo

MC: 22, *Jackson*, 17 Jun (KAM); 12, Pulaski_, 12 Jun (VMK); 11, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 7 (M), Herrin (Williamson Co), 18 Jun (SDB); 6 (M), SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); 6, Fayville Rd (Alexander Co), 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Farwell Bridge Rd (Stephenson Co), 14 Jun (DTW); RockCut (2 territorial M), 12 Jun (DTW); Lyon's Woods FP (Lake Co) (M), 29 May-7 Jun (EWW); LowdMil, 6 Jun (DTW); GreeneVal, 6 Jul (MAM); WaterfallGlen (2 M), 21 Jul (DRD); PlumCrk (M); 10 Jun (ABA); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (2M), 15 Jun (BJS); SwallowCliff (M), 2 Jun (WJM, JWL, KKM); Hennepin Twp (Putnam Co), 12 Jun (DFS); I & M Canal (LaSalle Co) (2), 5 Jul (DJS); BraidwoodL, 27-30 Jun (JHH); Split Rock L (LaSalle Co), 11 Jul (EWW); Big River SF (Henderson Co), 11 Jun (DFS); MeadbrkPk (3 w/agitated behavior), 25 Jun (fide EJC); BuseyWds (2), 16 Jul (EJC).

Bell's Vireo

Breeding: Riverbend (pr nest building), 11 May (fide EJC). **MC**: 6 (M), Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 5, Pembroke Twp, 24 Jun (DFS); 5 (M), CRSNA (Buttonland Swamp), 4 Jun (SDB); 4-5 (M), Nachusa, season (ABH); 4 (M), EvergreenL (Woodford Co), 14 Jun-21 Jul (MJW); 4 (M), Blairsville Twp (Williamson Co), 5 Jun (SDB); 3 (M), BraidwoodL, 4-27 Jun (JHH); 3 (M), EvergreenL (Woodford Co), 11 Jul (MJW, AC); 3 (M), Pulaski Co (Normandy Rd), 3 Jul (SDB). **Others**: GreenR (singing M still on territory), 4 Sep (DTW); Campton FP (Kane Co) (M), Jun (ABH); Fermi, 28 Jun & 12 Jul (UWG & DL); West Chicago Pra FP (DuPage Co) (2 pr), season (MRB); DuPage Twp (Will Co) (M), 26 Jul (UWG); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 13 Jun (RLS); LCal (HegewischM) (territorial M), 24 May-20 Jul (WJM); Bolingbrook (Will Co), 26 Jul (UWG); Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (M), 7-13 Jun (DJS, EWW); McCune Sand Pra (Bureau Co), 13 Jun (EWW); Hennepin Twp (Putnam Co), 12 Jun (DFS); GLPSP (M), 11 Jul (DFS); Mazonia SF&WA (Grundy Co) (M), 4 Jul (DFS); Lacon Twp

Western Kingbird at nest. American Bottoms, Monroe County. 27 June 2009. Photo by Dan Kassebaum

(Marshall Co), 14 Jul (TE); Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); HL, 30 Jun (FRH); CarlL-C, 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); PrRdg-M, 13 Jun (DMK, MSS); Hurricane Crk (Fayette Co) (2), 21-28 Jun (DMK, MSS); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (2), 2 Jul (DMK, MSS); Mt. Vernon (Jefferson Co) (M), 2 Jun (SDB);*Wayne*, 13 Jun (RES); LeVee Rd (Randolph Co), 27 Jun (DMK, MSS); Herrin (Williamson Co), 18 Jun (SDB); Karl Bartel WS (Marion Co), 19 Jul (KAM); Also reported from Midewin & BannerM.

Yellow-throated Vireo

MC: 8 (M), SniderL & FoxL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); 6, KankakeeR SP (Will & Kankakee Cos), 20 Jun (RDH); 5 (M), COLSP, 29 May (EWW); 5 (M), RedwingSl, 14 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); 5 (M), Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 6 Jun (SDB). **Others**: Sauk Trail Wds FP (Cook Co) (3), 10 Jun (ABA); DongolaL (Union Co) (3 M), 2 Jul (SDB).

Eastern Kingbird family. First and Windsor, Champaign County. 12 July 2009. Photo by Ivan Petrov.

Warbling Vireo

Breeding: Lake Le-Aqua-Na SRA (Stephenson Co) (pr building nest ~ 25 ft in Ash sp), 31 May & 1 Jun (AH ph); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (pr feeding juv), 1 Aug (ABA); MArb (ad w/yg), 21 Jul (J&JZ); Montrose (one fledgling), 29 Jun & 11 Jul (KH & LGM); WampumL FP (Cook Co) (pr nest building), 9 May (ABA). **MC**: 20 (M), LCal (HegewischM & WolkL), 12 Jun (WJM); 19, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 15, Woodford SF&WA (Woodford Co), 21 Jun (MJW); 15, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 14, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 13, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 12, LCal (PowderhornL FP), 18 Jun (JRG); 12, *Will/Grundy*, 5 Jul (RDH); 12 (M), Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 11 (M), LCal (Beaubien Wds FP), 14 Jun (WJM); 9 (7M), JP, 14 Jun (PRC); 9 (M), SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); 8, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 8, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 7, BraidwoodL, 22 Jun (JHH); 7 (M), HL (KAM); 6 (M), SongbirdSl, 8 Jun (ABA); 6 (5 M), Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 5 (M), Mid Meadows, 9 Jun (ABA).

Red-eyed Vireo

Breeding: Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), ad feeding juv w/empty nest nearby, 20 Jul & 2 feeding 2 cowbirds in separate areas, 26 Jul (SDB); Perkins Wds FP (Cook Co) (ad perched on nest rim), 1 Jun (GH); SongbirdSl (ad feeding cowbird juv), 5 Aug (ABA); Jarvis (one fledgling), 9 Jul (LGM); JP (ad carrying nest material), 17 Jun (PRC). **MC**: 26, LowdMil, 3 Jul (DFS); 20 (M), Mid Meadows, 9 Jun (ABA); 18, *Jackson*, 17 Jun (KAM); 12 (11 M), Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 12 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 11 (M), King's Grove FP (Cook Co), 10 Jun (ABA); 11 (10 M), Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 6 Jun (SDB); 9 (M), Lakewd, 9-24 Jun (SDB); 9, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 9, KankakeeR SP (Will Co), 9 Jun (JHH); 9, KankakeeR SP, 1 Jun (JHH); 6, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Blue Jay

Breeding: IBSP (nest building w/1st few sticks of nest), 13 May (EWW); PlumCrk (pr nest building), 9 May (ABA). **MC**: 38, Lakewd, 10 Jun (SDB); 20, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 19, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 18, Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 12 Jun (SDB); 11, RedwingSl, 7 Jul (SDB); 11, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 10, KankakeeR SP, 1 Jun (JHH); 10, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 10, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 10, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 9, *Monroe*, 25 Jul (CAT, TLK); 9, BurntPrairie_, 9 Jun (VMK); 9, Pulaski_, 12 Jun (VMK); 8, Athens_, 29 Jun (VMK). **Note**: Montrose (fall migrant?), 11 Jul (GAW).

American Crow

Breeding: NoP (8 birds sitting on one nest, 3 May, w/2 fledged yg by 20 May & 6 fledged yg on 18 Jun) (GAW); Somer Twp (Champaign Co) (ad carrying long strand of nest material), 10 Mar (SDB); *Champaign* (ad carrying nest material into a pine), 5 Mar (ARm); Champaign (pr nest building in top of "scrawny" pine tree in cem), 3 Mar (CKA). **MC**: 55, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 49, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 41, Pulaski_, 12 Jun (VMK); 33, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 27, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 23, Athens_, 29 Jun (VMK); 22, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 20, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 20, KLMSNA, 16 Jul (DMK); 20, SniderL & FoxL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 1 Jul (SDB); 17, Stillwell_, 2 Jun (VMK); 16, RedwingSl, 7 Jul (SDB); 16, CarlL-C, 30-31 Jul (DMK, MSS); 15, *Monroe*, 25 Jul (CAT, TLK); 13, Wayne Fitzgerrell SRA (Franklin Co), 17 Jun (KAM); 12, Kaskaskial (Randolph Co), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 12, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB); 11, Lakewd, 10 Jun (SDB); 11, Des Plaines (Methodist Campground) (Cook Co), 29 Jul-5 Aug (ABA); 11, BraidwoodL, 5 Jul (JHH); 11, KankakeeR SP, 9 Jun (JHH); 11, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 10, ColesCo Apt, 14 Jul (SDB); 10, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 10, RamseyL SP (Fayette Co), 12 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 10, Wabash R (Wabash Co), 14 Jul (DMK, MSS, CLH); 10, *Jackson*, 9 Jul (KAM); 10, DogtoothI, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Other:** Dorr Twp (McHenry Co) (10 there 12 Jun @ specific census pts, but only 1 there 6 Jul) (SDB). **Note**: "Still seems to be increasing slowly in area rebounding from West Nile Virus" (ABA).

Fish Crow

MC: 15, *Monroe*, 31 Jul (TAM); 12, Pulaski_, 12 Jun (VMK); 12, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 3 Jul (SDB, SLD); 7, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (city park roost, used previous 5 years), 7 Jul (TD); 7, KaskaskiaI (Randolph Co), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 7, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK). **Others**: Niota (**Hancock Co**), 7 Jul (EWW); sw *Adams* (2), 4 Jun (AGD); Also 1-2 reported from TwoRivers, St. Morgan_, RendL, Pomona, *Union*, ECapeGir, & MermetL (KAM, DMK, MSS). **Inland Records** (away from MississippiR): New Athens (St. Clair Co) (see above); Spring Branch (Bond Co) (2), 18 Jun (DMK, MSS); CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); Lively Grove Twp (Washington Co) (4), 18 Jul (TD). Species found in this area last 6-7 years.; Herrin (Williamson Co) (2), 18 Jun (SDB); SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co) (1 & 2), 4 Jun & 1 Jul resp (SDB).

Horned Lark

Breeding: Fremont Twp (Lake Co) (newly-fledged juv), 11 Jul (JWL); Rich Twp (Cook Co) (2 of 3 prs w/successful nests, fledging 2 & 3 yg. 3rd nest likely predated in Apr), 1 Jun (AAA); NW *Macoupin* (fledgling), 5 May (EWW). **MC**: 116, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 113, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 101, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 60, Clement (Marion/Clinton Cos), 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); 58, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 54, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB); 35, Hoyleton (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 33, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM).

Purple Martin

Breeding: Durand (Winnebago Co) (4 pr w/nests & 2 chick heads sticking out of each hole in nest box), 18 Jul (DTW); LArlington (Cook Co) (19 fledged yg [but see note below], but w/one new nest w/4 eggs on 22 Jul!) (JCB); CBG (14 + 2 nestlings @ nest boxes), 26 Jul (SG, DP); Evanston (Cook Co) (ad RTHA attacking & catching 3+ nestlings @ PUMA nest house), 22-23 Jul (TDs ph); Montrose (18 birds at nest boxes, 13 Jul)

Cliff Swallow at Homer, Champaign County. July 2009. Photo by Ivan Petrov.

Cliff Swallow at Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area, Grundy County. 9 June 2009. Photo by Don Blecha.

Barn Swallow chasing Black-necked Stilt at Curtis Road wetland, Champaign County. This is the first documented nesting of this species in Champaign County. 8 August 2009. Photo by Ivan Petrov.

(GAW); Jarvis (nesting, w/many juvs), season (LGM); JP (47 incl yg), 12 Aug (PRC) plus 2nd colony of 11 pr feeding yg, 11 Jul (PAD); Mahomet (Champaign Co) (60+ in 6 nest boxes, on nests), 11 May (JC); New Athens (St. Clair Co) (142 ad + 78 yg at 11 town nest box colonies), 4 Aug (TD); DuQuoin (Perry Co) (10+ @ martin houses downtown), 30 Jun (SDB,SLD). **MC**: 800 (staging), Harrisonville (Monroe Co), 17 Jul (DMK); 287, Kaskaskial (Randolph Co), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 220, see above; 120, CarlL-C, 30-31 Jul (DMK, MSS); 90 (10 ad, 80 juv), Nason, RendL, 8 Aug (TD); 47, see above; 40, RendL, 11 Jul (DMK, MSS); 39, Cuba M FP (Lake Co), 7 Aug (B&BI); 39, Montrose, 30 Jul (GAW); 30, Caseyville (St. Clair Co), 5 Jul (DMK); 30, Ware (Union Co), 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Note**: At Lake Arlington, Arlington Heights (Cook Co), "Due to the cold snap on 1-3 Jul, we lost 52 nestlings of various ages after the adults abandoned the houses for 4 days leaving the nestlings to starve." (JCB).

Tree Swallow

Breeding: Nygren Wetland Pr (Winnebago Co) (4 ad w/3 juv), 18 Jul (DTW); Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (ad investigating nest box), 9 Apr (EWW); Lake Forest (Lake Co) (nestlings killed by M HOSP then thrown from nest box), 29 Jun (ML); SongbirdSl (ads in 2 nest boxes), 18 Apr & (2 pr feeding yg in boxes & another pr removing fecal sac from 3rd box), 6 Jun & (double-brooded pr feeding 2 juv in box), 5 Aug (ABA); Bode Lks FP (Cook Co) (2 pr feeding yg @ nest boxes), 20 Jun (SS); PlumCrk (ad entering nest hole in dead tree w/food), 9 Jun (ABA); Mid Meadows (ads bringing food to yg at 2 nest holes in dead trees), 9 Jun (ABA); 179th/Cen (ads feeding yg at 5 nest holes in dead trees, 9 Jun (ABA);Montrose (ad feeding juv), 20 Jul (RDH); JP (F carrying nest material to nest cavity & M in nesthole), 10 May, but nest apparently unsuccessful & last occupied on 13 Jun (PRC); Old Plank Rd Trail (Matteson, Cook Co) (pr entering nest tree cavity), 29-30 May (SDB); Fayetteville Twp (St. Clair Co) (50 ad w/10 nest boxes available; 2 eggs, 1yg & 4 yg in 2 nests), 28 Jun (TD). **MC**: 400, CarlL-C, 30-31 Jul (DMK, MSS); 400, RendL, 11 Jul (DMK, MSS); 220, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 3 Jul (DFS); 200, TwoRivers, 5 & 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 200, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 2 & 16 Jul (DMK, MSS); 200, KLMSNA, 18 Jul (DMK, MSS); 110, Kaskaskial (Randolph Co), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK). **Other**: RollinsSav (60), 14 Jun (SBB); SongbirdSl (17 birds using nest boxes), 6 Jun (ABA).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Breeding: Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co) (pr entering bank burrow 8 ft from active kingfisher burrow), 25 Apr (DJS); Des Plaines Riverwalk (Cook Co) (entering nest hole under bridge), 29 Jun (ABA); Montrose (nesting, w/ many juvs & 1st juv 28 Jun), season (LGM & RDH resp); JP (pr entering nest-hole on 25 May & summering in small numbers @ 4 sites (PRC); Riverbend (pr bringing nest material to exhaust pipe of truck for hours), 20 May (CKA); Georgetown (Vermilion Co) (unusual nest placement on AC duct in garage, not in a hole!), 17 Jul (MFC ph). **MC**: 400, TwoRivers, 5 & 23 Jul (DMK); 141, Levee Rd (Union Co), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD); 120, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 16 Jul (DMK). Others: Apple River Canyon SP (Jo Daviess Co) (17), 3 Jul (CAT, TLK); RollinsSav (10), 6 Jun (DRD et al.); Chi (NortherlyI) (28), 2 Jul (DFS); KankakeeR SP (14), 1 Jun (JHH).

Bank Swallow

Breeding: Rckfd airport quarry (130 nest cavities w/ads feeding nestlings & fledged yg), 1 Aug (DTW); Nygren Wetland Pr (Winnebago Co) (4 ad w/2 juv), 18 Jul (DTW); Crystal Lake (McHenry Co) (170 nest holes in Woodland Hills development), 4 Jun (GAW); WinthropH (several working on nests), 7 Jun (JSS); IBSP (entering & leaving nest holes @ beach), 25 May (UWG); HGC (30 ad 2 50+ holes), 1 Jul (WJM); JP (26 entering nest-holes in wall of concrete blocks at usual colony), 9 May (PRC); Dallas City (Henderson Co) (100 nests w/34 ad banded), 10 Jun (VMK); Sandy Creek (Marshall Co) (2 nests), 17 May (EWW). **MC**: 900, TwoRivers, 24 Jul (KAM); 400, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 16 Jul (DMK); 250, Rckfd quarry, see above; 55, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 3 Jul (DFS); 52, Montrose, 11 Jul (GAW). **Others**: SFPK (17), 27 Jun (ABH et al.).

Cliff Swallow

Breeding: Tuttle Clarkson NA (Boone Co) (8 nest building under bridge), 1 Jun (DBJ); WinthropH (53 birds on 30 May w/5 nests on 21 May) (EWW); Iroquois Wds FP (Cook Co) (20 nests under I-294 bridge over Des PlainesR, w/8 still active. Yg seen/heard in 8 nests, one w/4 yg), 6-8 Aug w/all birds gone by 21 Aug (ABA); Chi (Humboldt Pk) (pr entering nest cavity), 12 Jun (SBB); Palos (Saganashkee Sl FP) (4 ad @ 6+ nests), 2 Jun (WJM); JP (43 nests counted @ 3 sites, 1 Jul, w/22 ad at inaccessible 4 nest site 24 May. Lg yg visible @ nest-holes 28 Jun & evident fledging shortly thereafter) (PRC); CarlL-C (nest colony of 400), 26 – 31 Jul (DMK, MSS); Lawrenceville (Lawrence Co) (25+ nests under Hwy Rt 50), 7 Jun (CLH); Grayville (White Co) (150-200 nests under WabashR bridge), 7 Jun (CLH); Ivesdale (Champaign Co) (3 nests w/8 ad), 9 Jul (SDB). **MC**: 400, TwoRivers, 23 Jul (DMK); 400, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 16 Jul (DMK); 300, DogtoothI, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 200, Irvington (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 150, UCCA, 21 Jun (MML); 120, KLMSNA, 15 - 18 Jul (DMK, MSS); 104, Momence (sod farm) (Kankakee Co), 31 Jul (JHH); 100, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 100, *Massac*, 21 Jun (KAM, COS); 54 (breeding population), JP, 24 May (PRC); 50, Jackson, 20 Jun (KAM, COS). **Others**: *Jo Daviess* (37), 3 Jul (CAT, TLK); Nygren Wetland Pr (Winnebago Co) (40 incl 20+ juv), 18 Jul (DTW); Durand (Winnebago Co) (30 incl 10 juv), 18 Jul (DTW); Glen Ellyn (DuPage Co) (4), 20 Jun (UWG); Techny Basin CA & Air Station Pra (5-10 @ each locale), 26 Jul (SG); Momence (sod farm) (Kankakee Co) (4), 18 Jul (JHH); sw *Adams* (35), 11 Jun (AGD); Athens_ (30), 29 Jun (VMK); MidFork (4), 18 Jul (fide EJC); HomerL (Collins Wds bridge) (new colony, w ads on nests),

Jun (fide EJC); Waynesville_ (20), 25 Jun (VMK); New Athens (St. Clair Co), colony of 30 birds nesting under RR bridge over Kaskaskia R, 30 Jun (TD); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (30), 14 Jul (DMK, MSS, CLH); Pulaski_ (40), 12 Jun (VMK).

Barn Swallow

Breeding: Cuba M FP (Lake Co) (ad feeding juv in flight), 7 Aug (B&Bl); JPPSP (pr feeding 4 nestlings), 28 Jul (BD); CBG (pr feeding 2 recently fledged yg on tree branch), 29 Aug (ABA); SongbirdSl (nests under picnic shelter incl ads feeding 2 nestlings 8 Jun, ad feeding @ 3 nests w/yg 23 Jul, & ad feeding 3 nestlings 5 Aug & ad feeding 5 nestlings 21 Aug) (ABA, BSh, JCy ph); Mid Meadows (16 active nests under one picnic shelter, all w/visible yg), 9 Jun (ABA); LArlington (Cook Co) (ads feeding 24 yg perched on utility wire), 12 Jul (JCB); Montrose & BelmontH (nesting, w/ many juvs & 1st juvs 22 Jun), season (LGM & RDH); MeadbrkPk (near to fledge nestlings being fed on 18 Jun, then on 25 Jun a new nest built near same location) (BV, CKA); HomerL (2nd nest in same spot, both fledged yg), 4 Jun (fide EJC); Ivesdale (Champaign Co) (several nests under small bridge incl nest w/yg ready to fledge, one nest w/small yg & one nest w/3-4 eggs), 9 Jul (SDB). **MC**: 234, *Randolph*, 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 222, *Monroe*, 25 Jul (CAT, TLK); 118, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 80, CarlL-C, 26-30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 77, Hoyleton (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 71, Chi (Northcrlyl), 2 Jul (DFS); 62, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 60, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 57, ColesCo Apt, 14 Jul (SDB); 55, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 52, Montrose, 23 Jul (GAW); 49, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 45, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 39, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 33, Pontiac_, 5 Jun (VMK).

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 13, SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); 11, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 8, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Edge of range**: HomerL, BuseyWds & MidFork (family groups), season (fide EJC).

Black-capped Chickadee

Breeding: Mundelein (Lake Co) (nest building), 6 May (SDB); Lakewd (nest w/4yg fledging today from dead tree stub 2 ft off ground), 10 Jun (SDB); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (ad feeding yg), 27 Jun (J&JZ); Salt Crk Pk FP (DuPage Co) (Courtship display between pr 18 Apr, then 3 pr w/ pr feeding juv, pr w/2 juv, & 2nd pr w/2 juv), 11 Jun (ABA); MArb (ad feeding yg), 21 Jul (J&JZ); Northbrook (Cook Co) (pr feeding 2 begging fledglings), 15 Jul (AR); BusseWds (ad excavating nest hole), 4 Apr (ABA); Mid Meadows (pr feeding juv), 9 Jun (ABA); Sauk Trail Wds FP (Cook Co) (pr w/2 recently fledged juvs), 10 Jun (ABA); Jarvis (2 fledglings), 1 Aug (LGM). **MC**: 47, LowdMil, 3 Jul (DFS); 35, Lakewd, 9-24 Jun (SDB); 15, Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 10 Jun-6 Jul (SDB). **Other**: JP (4), 26 Jul, but notably scarce this season (PRC). **Edge of range**: LOWFP (fledged young), season (fide EJC); HomerL, season (fide EJC); TwoRivers (4), 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); Dudleyville_ (2), 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); RamseyL SP (Fayette Co) (4), 1 Jul (DMK).

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 41, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 35, Pulaski_, 12 Jun (VMK); 28, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 25, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 23, SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun (SDB); 20, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 18, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 17, BurntPrairie_ , 9 Jun (VMK); 16, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 15, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 6 Jun (SDB); 14, *Jasper*, 24 Jun-12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 12, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Dorr Twp (McHenry Co) (2), 6 Jul (SDB); Campton FP (Kane Co) (M), Jun (ABH); Big Rock (Kane Co) (2), 23 Jun (SDB); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (singing male), 12 Jul (J&JZ); PlumCrk (singing ad), 9 May & 10 Jun (ABA); **Montrose**, 23 Jul (KH ph); Augustana College (Rock Island Co), 14 Jul (SG); Kankakee River SP (Will Co) (6), 9 Jun (JHH); KankakeeR SP (7), 1 Jun (JHH); Hensley & Condit Twps (Champaign Co) (6), 30 Jun (SDB); HomerL (5), 27 Jul (fide EJC).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (2 locations), 20 Jul (SDB); Warrenville (DuPage Co), 27 Jun (MRB); Wheaton (DuPage Co), 29 Jul (JS); Downers Grove (DuPage Co), 5 Aug (REF); Woodridge (DuPage Co), 3 Jul (JDC, MC); River Forest (Cook Co) (F; backyard), 4 Jul (JSA); Alsip (Cook Co), 2 Aug (SF); Big River SF (Henderson Co) (2), 11 Jun (DFS).

White-breasted Nuthatch

Breeding: Sugar River FP (Winnebago Co) (ad bringing food to yg in nest hole), 15 May (EWW); Zion (Lake Co) (ad bringing food to yg in nest hole), 9 May (EWW); Lyon's Wds FP (Lake Co) (ad bringing food to yg in nest hole), 9 May (EWW); Jarvis (one fledgling), 9 Jul (LGM); LCal (Eggers Grove FP) (ad w/fledgling), 28 Jul (WJM); Georgetown (Vermilion Co) (juvs @ feeder), Jun/Jul (MFC). **MC**: 21, Lakewd, 10-24 Jun (SDB); 18, SwallowCliff, 21 Jun (DFS); 16, LowdMil, 3 Jul (DFS); 15, Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 12 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 10, Hensley & Condit Twps (Champaign Co), 30 Jun (SDB); 7, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6, Salt Crk Pk FP (DuPage Co), 12 Jul (ABA); 6, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 6, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 6, Kaskaskia1 (Randolph Co), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK).

Brown Creeper

Breeding: MomenceWet (singing M on territory), 30 May (JHH); CRSNA (singing males), see below. **MC**: 4 (singing M's; likely breeding), CRSNA, 25 Jun (MML). **Others**: Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (singing M), 23 Apr (EWW) – 14 Jun (SDB, SLD); Saganashkee Sl (Palos) (singing M), 15 Jun (DFS); Green Oaks FS (Knox Co) (singing M), 4 Jun (DJM). **Note**: Most birds found singing in proper habitat in Illinois after mid to late May are likely breeding or attempting to breed. This bird is generally silent while migrating out of or through Illinois in spring.

Carolina Wren

Breeding: Kankakee (ad incubating eggs @ nest on outside air conditioning unit), 30 Apr (JB); Georgetown (Vermilion Co) (2 broods in garage, a 3rd on front porch), season (MFC). **MC**: 36, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 21 (M), Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 21, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 20, Pulaski_, 12 Jun (VMK); 18, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 17, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 15, BurntPrairie_, 9 Jun (VMK); 13, Athens_, 29 Jun (VMK); 12, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 1 Jul (SDB); 9, Jasper, 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 8 (M), Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 7 (6 M), Blairsville Twp (Williamson Co), 18 Jun (SDB); 7, *Monroe*, 25 Jul (CAT, TLK); 7, *Randolph*, 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 6 (4 M), Hensley & Condit Twps (Champaign Co), 30 Jun (SDB); 6, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Sinnissippi Pk (Rckfd, Winnebago Co), 17 Jun (DTW); LCal (Eggers Grove FP) (2, incl singing M), 28 Jul (WJM); Palos (Division Headquarters), 4 Jul (KKM); **Montrose**, 26 Jul (RDH); **JP** (dull, singing M; imm?), 28 Jun-1 Jul (PRC); StarvedRock (2), 27 Jun (EWW); KankakeeR SP (3), 9 Jun (JHH); BraidwoodL, 4-24 Jun (JHH).

BEWICK'S WREN

Other: SiloamSpr, 11 Jun (MA, JWL). Sole known regular breeding area in Illinois.

House Wren

Breeding: Rckfd (7 pr w/successful nests, most also double-brooded; one yard), season (DTW). 3rd brood of one pr found w/several just-fledged yg on 9 Sep (BCW); Cuba M FP (Lake Co) (pr feeding juv), 7 Aug (ABA); West Branch FP (DuPage Co) (pr feeding juv), 4 Aug (ABA); Salt Crk Pk FP (DuPage Co) (pr w/4 juv), 12 Jul (ABA); Wood Dale Grove FP (DuPage Co) (pr w/7 juv, pr w/2 juv & pr w/juv), 23 Jul (ABA); SongbirdSl (pr feeding 2 juv & pr feeding juv), 5 Aug (ABA); MArb (juv begging from ad), season (WT); Mid Meadows (ad feeding yg in 4 ft high nest hole in dead stump), 9 Jun (ABA); Bode Lks FP (Cook Co) (ad w/food for yg in nest), 20 Jun (SS); Schaumburg (Cook Co) (newly built nest in yard nest box), 1 Jul (JRp); JP (3 territories, w/ad carrying nest material at one, 20 May (CBA), another entering hole in stump 17 Jun (PRC), and a family group of 4 @ 3rd site, 15 Jul (PRC). **MC**: 71, Spears Wds FP & Cranberry Sl (Cook Co), 18 Jul (KKM); 43, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 40, *Will/Grundy*, 5 Jul (RDH); 35, Shabbona Lk SP (DeKalb Co), 12 Jul (DJS); 34, King's Grove FP (Cook Co), 10 Jun (ABA); 30, Wood Dale Grove FP (DuPage Co), 3 Jul (ABA); 29, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB); 28, Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 12 Jun (SDB); 25, Hensley & Condit Twps (single Champaign Co site), 30 Jun (SDB); 23, PlumCrk, 10 Jun (ABA); 23, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 20 (19 M), LCal, 12 Jun (WJM); 17, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 14, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 13, *Jo Daviess*, 3 Jul (CAT, TLK); 13, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 12, East Branch FP (DuPage Co), 1 Aug (ABA); 12, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, Mid Meadows, 9 Jun (ABA); 10, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 9, CampPoint_, 1 Jun (VMK). **Other**: JP (8), 15 Jul (PRC); Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co) (4 M), 6 Jun (SDB); Kell_ (5), 6 Jun (SDB). **Note**: The range of House Wren in Illinois in natural habitats ends somewhere in southern Illinois (although a few are found in large river valleys and in towns there). It would be interesting to know where that area is, as they are not found in forested habitats at the southern tip of the state, as they are commonly found in northern Illinois, but are only found in extreme southern Illinois in residential areas & a few large river valleys.

Sedge Wren

Breeding: RollinsSav (tail-less juv capable of short flights), 2 Aug (EWW); LOWFP (ad nest building), 2 Aug (IGP). **MC**: 21, BusseWds, 21 Aug (ABA); 17, JPPSP, 28 Jul (BD); 8, Midewin & GLPSP, 5 Jul (RDH); 8 (7 M), Perdueville HA (Ford Co), 21 May -10 Jul (SDB); 8, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5, RollinsSav, 6 & 14 Jun (DRD et al. & SBB resp); 5 (M) (1st all summer), Sang (HDB). **Others**: RockCut (2), 12 Jun (DTW); COLSP (3M), 29 May (EWW); Nachusa (3+ M), season (ABH); Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (3), 25 Jul (EWW); Montgomery (Kane Co) (M), 28 May-23 Jun (SDB); DYNL (5), 11 Jul (DJS); Prairie Green Wetlands (Geneva, Kane Co), 7 Jun (JHn); Campton FP (Kane Co) (2 M), 24 May-9 Jun (ABH); DeerGrove-E (2M), 30 Jun (BJS); GreeneVal, 12 Jun (MAM); SpringCrk

(M), 6 Jun (ABA); 179th/Cen (M), 9 Jun (ABA); PlumCrk (M), 10 Jun (ABA); Chi (Northerlyl) (breeding?), 2 Jul (DFS); Bode Lks FP (Cook Co) (M), 20 Jun (ABA); Mill Creek_, 16 Jun (DTW); Alexis (Mercer Co), 7 Jul (EWW); HennepinL (Putnam Co), 25 Jul (EWW); Midewin (4), 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); BraidwoodL, 27 Jun-5 Jul (JHH); KankakeePks (3), 26 Jun (JHH); ICCA (3), 6 Jun (GAW, lOS); EvergreenL (Woodford Co) (4M) & MBC (3M), 18 Jul (MJW); MidFork, 18 Jul (fide EJC); FGP (3 pr on territory), Jul/Aug (MFC); Guzy Pra (2), 26 Jul (TAM, MFD, TDF, RF); PrRdg-J (Hunt Tract), 14 Jun (CLH); PrRdg-M (4), 10 Jun (JWW, CLH, RES); PrRdg-M (Karl Bartel WS) (2 M), 27 Jul (SDB, TAM); E ForkL (2), 23 Jul (CLH); *Wayne* (Bailey Wetland) (2), 10 Jul (CLH); KLMSNA, 17-18 Jul (DMK, MSS); RendL, 11 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Marsh Wren

Breeding: SpgBlf (juvs in 2 locations), 19 Jul (EWW); Pratt'sWW (ad feeding juv), 28 Jul (BD). **MC**: 39 (38 M), RedwingSl, 14 Jun – 7 Jul (SDB); 10 (M), LCal (HegewischM & Deadstick Pond), 20 Jul (WJM); 9, SpgBlf, 15 Jun – 19 Jul (EWW); 9 (M), Miller Gardens Pk (Matteson, Cook Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 8, IBSP, 7 Jul (DMK, TAM); 8 (M), SongbirdSl, 8 Jun (ABA); 8 (M), SpringCrk, 6 Jun (ABA); 7 (6 M), South Green Belt FP (Rich Twp, Cook Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 7 (M), LCal (Powderhorn L FP), 18 Jun (WJM, JRG); 7, GLPSP, 5 Jul (RDH); 6 (M), Butterfield Crk Wetlands (Cook Co), 9 Jun (ABA); 6, GreenR, 7 Jul (EWW). **Others**: SFPK (2), 27 Jun (ABH et al.); RollinsSav (3), 23 Jun (DRD); DYNL (M), 11 Jul (DJS); LArlington (Cook Co) (M), 5 Jul (JCB); DeerGrove-E (2M), 30 Jun (BJS); 179th/Cen (3 M), 9 Jun (ABA); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (4 M), 30 May-26 Jun (SDB); BannerMarsh (Peoria Co) (M), 18 Jul (MHB, EY); Guzy Pra (singing M), 26 Jul (TAM, MFD, TDF, RF); HL, 1 Jul (FRH); PrRdg-J (Ridgway Tract), 21 Jul & (Donsbach Tract), 27 Jul (CLH).

Albino American Robin. Prospect Heights, Cook County. 11 June 2009. Photo by Marcin Warzecha.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Breeding: IBSP (North Unit) (ad feeding 3 nestlings), 26 Jul (SDB, SLD); Wright Wds FP (Lake Co) (pr finishing nest building), 6 May (SLD); Wood Dale Grove FP (DuPage Co) (pr w/juv), 3 Jul (ABA); Salt Crk Pk FP (DuPage Co) (pr w/food for yg), 11 Jun & (2nd brood?) (same pr w/ food for yg), 17 Jul (ABA); LArlington (Cook Co) (ads entering & leaving nest), 9 Jun (JCB); Perkins Wds FP (Cook Co) (ad gathering spider web & other nest material), 1 Jun (GH); SpringCrk (pr feeding juv), 6 Jun (ABA); Midlothian Meadows FP (Cook Co) (ad on nest in Black Locust & pr w/ ad feeding juv & pr w/juv), 9 Jun (ABA); King's Grove FP (Cook Co) (pr bringing food to yg in nest), 10 Jun (ABA); LCal (Eggers Grove FP) (family group of 4), 28 Jul (WJM); JP (3 territories & 2 nests incl pr @ nest in advanced construction, 30 May [PRC], but then abandoned by 3 Jun, although ad noted there through Aug [PRC]. 2nd nest found at different locale w/both ad brooding 3 Jun (CBA) and later 2+ begging yg heard there 15 Jul (PRC) & 2 agitated @ 3rd site 28 May w/one scolding 3 Jun & 2 birds (1 yg?) there 12 Jul (PRC).; Champaign (CrystalL Pk) (pr @ nest), 24 May (EJC); FGP (nest in shingle oak), Jun (MFC); CRSNA (Buttonland Swamp) (pr @ nest in cypress tree in swamp, 10 ft from active kingbird nest & a 2nd pr @ nest nearby), 18 Jun & 1 Jul resp. (SDB). **MC**: 23, SniderL & FoxL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); 15, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 6 Jun (SDB); 15, UCCA, 21 Jun (MML); 14, SwallowCliff, 21 Jun (DFS); 11, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 10, King's Grove FP (Cook Co), 10 Jun (ABA); 10, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 12 Jun (DMK, MSS); 9, LCal (Hegewisch M & Wolf L), 12 Jun (WJM); 9, KankakeeR SP (Will & Kankakee Cos), 20 Jun (RDH); 8, Cuba M FP (Lake Co), 7 Aug (ABA); 8, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Other**: Montrose, 12 Jun (RDH). **Note**: Summering population increasing at JP (PRC).

Eastern Bluebird

Breeding: Salt Crk Pk FP (DuPage Co) (F bringing food to nest hole 5-6 ft high in 12 ft stump), 12 Jul (ABA); BusseWds (pr w/2 juv), 21 Aug (ABA); PlumCrk (M bringing food for yg into nest hole in tree stump), 10 Jun (ABA); MBC (pr nesting in nest box on house & 3 other juv), 7 Jul (MEF); Champaign Co (prs @/on nests @ MeadbrkPk)(25 Jun), MidFork (18 Jul), & Riverbend (19 May) (fide EJC); Vermilion Co (19 locations, 407 nest boxes, 844 yg fledged), season (CV et al.); CRSNA (Buttonland Swamp) (pr @ nest in cypress tree in swamp in natural cavity of tupelo), 18 Jun (SDB). **MC**: 36, HeideckeL (Grundy Co) (ad), 11 Jul (DFS); 20, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 19, CarlL, 27 Jul (KAM); 17, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 16, Athens_, 29 Jun (VMK); 14, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 13, *Jackson*, 9 Jul (KAM); 12 (family groups), MArb, 21 Jul (J&JZ); 12, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 12, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co), 18 Jul (AGD); 11, MBC, see above; 11, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Veery

Breeding: Lyons Woods FP (Lake Co) (4, 2 pr w/one ad carrying food), 20 Jul (SDB). **MC**: 34, LowdMil, 3 Jul (DFS); 9 (7 M), SwallowCliff (2), 21 Jun (DFS); 4, (see above). **Others**: RockCut (2), 12 Jun (DTW); Cap Sauers (several) & (2), 1 & 15 Jun (KKM & BJS resp); SwallowCliff, 15 Jun (DFS); Cranberry Sl (Palos), 4 Jul (KKM); Saganashkee Sl (Palos) (singing M), 15 Jun (DFS); Green Oaks FS (Knox Co) (2+M), 4 Jun (DJM); KankakeeR SP, 1 Jun (JHH).

Wood Thrush

Breeding: Wood Dale Grove FP (DuPage Co) (ad w/juv), 3 Jul (ABA); PlumCrk (ad feeding juv cowbird), 10 Jun (ABA); Cap Sauers (2 ad carrying food), 1 Jun (KKM); SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co) (F standing atop nest), 1 Jul (SDB). **MC**: 16 (12 M), Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 12 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 8, KankakeeR SP, 1 Jun (JHH); 8, KankakeeR SP (Will Co), 9 Jun (JHH); 8 (5 M), SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 1 Jul (SDB); 7, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 6, Fall Crk (Adams Co), 2 Jul (AGD); 6, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 12 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6, *Monroe*, 25 Jul (CAT, TLK); 5 (4 M), Lakewd, 9-10 Jun (SDB); 5, LowdMil, 11 Jul (DRD). **Others**: Apple River Canyon SP (Jo Daviess Co) (2), 3 Jul (CAT, TLK); IBSP (3 territories), 8 Jul (EWW); Saganashkee Sl (Palos) ("bunch" of singing Ms), 15 Jun (DFS); *Will/Grundy* (4), 5 Jul (RDH); Iroquois (3), 1 Jul (CAT); MidFork (3), 23 Jul (fide EJC); Milford_ (3), 20 Jun (SDB); Columbia_ (3), 7 Jun (KAM). **NBSO**: JP (singing M), 21 Jun (PRC).

American Robin

Breeding: Mundelein (Lake Co) (nest building), 6 May (SDB); Mundelein (Lake Co) (8 nests), 28 Jun (SDB); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (pr feeding 2 juv), 1 Aug (ABA); CBG (ad feeding nestling w/recently fledged yg on ground nearby), 23 May (ABA, m.ob); LArlington (Cook Co) (many ads feeding yg), 5 Jul (JCB); Montrose (ad on nest), 21 May, w/1st fledgling seen 23 May) (GAW); JP (1st ad carrying nest material 22 Apr) (PRC); Miller Gardens Pk (Matteson, Cook Co) (F on nest), 30 May (SDB); ArcolaM (nest w/2 eggs), 17 Apr (SDB). **MC**: 600, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 171, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 164, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 147, Pontiac_, 5 Jun (VMK); 135, Fairbury_, 4 Jun (VMK); 118, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 113, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB); 112, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 90, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 85, Monticello_, 9 Jun (EJC); 82, Stillwell_, 2 Jun (VMK). **Other**: Montrose (57 w/many juvs), 11 Jul (GAW).

Gray Catbird

Breeding: Cuba M FP (Lake Co) (ad w/juv WOTH!), 3 Jul (ABA); West Branch FP (DuPage Co) (ad feeding juv & pr feeding juv), 4 Aug (ABA); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (pr w/juv & ad feeding another juv), 1 Aug (ABA); River Forest backyard (Cook Co) (ad w/juv), 27 Jul (JSA); JP (fledged yg noted 19 Jul, but success appeared low) (PRC); BraidwoodL (ad w/food), 27 Jun & 1 Jul & (feeding fledgling mulberries), 29 Jun (JHH); HomerL (fledged yg), 2 Jul (fide EJC). **MC**: 36, Pembroke Twp, 24 Jun (DFS); 24 (18 M), LCal, 14 Jun (WJM); 20, *Will/Grundy*, 5 Jul (RDH); 17, SpringCrk (11 M, 3 pr), 6 Jun (ABA); 16, SwallowCliff, 21 Jun (DFS); 13, Bode Lks FP (Cook Co), 20 Jun (ABA); 13, JP, 1 Jul (PRC); 13, BraidwoodL, 22 Jun (JHH); 10, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 12 Jun (DMK, MSS); 9, East Branch FP (DuPage Co), 1 Aug (ABA); 9, KankakeePks, 26 Jun (JHH); 8, CampPoint_, 1 Jun (VMK); 7, Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 12 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 7, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 6, *Jo Daviess*, 3 Jul (CAT, TLK); 6 (M), RedwingSl, 14 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); 6 (M), Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 6, CarlL-C, 14 Jun & 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5, Nachusa, season (ABH); 5, *Iroquois*, 1 Jul (CAT); 5, *Monroe*, 27 Jun & 11 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5, Stillwell_, 2 Jun (VMK). **Others**: Montrose (4), 23 Jul (GAW); Jarvis, season (LGM).

Northern Mockingbird

Breeding: SW *Adams* (ad feeding 2 yg), 27 Jun (AGD); DuQuoin (Perry Co) (pr feeding 3+ yg in nest), 1 Jul (SLD, SDB); Champaign (Swine Research Area) (pr w/family of fledged yg), 12 Jun (fide EJC). **MC**: 30, Columbia_,

7 Jun (KAM); 21, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 18, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 17, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 13, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 11, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 9, BurntPrairie_, 9 Jun (VMK); 8, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 8, Pulaski_, 12 Jun (VMK); 6, CampPoint_, 1 Jun (VMK); 6, Athens_, 29 Jun (VMK); 6, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 25 Jun (DMK); 5, Dixon Ford Rd (Woodford Co), 13 Jun (MJW). **Others**: West Chicago Pra FP (DuPage Co), 3 Jul (MRB); Palos (Cherry Hill Wds FP), 2 Jun (WJM); Annawan (Henry Co) (ad), 25 Jul (EWW); MBC, 7 Jul (MEF); Waynesville_ (3), 25 Jun (VMK); LOWFP, season (fide EJC); MeadbrkPk, 25 Jun (BGS); Monticello_ (2), 9 Jun (EJC); ColesCo Apt (M), 14 Jul (SDB).

Brown Thrasher

Breeding: JP (ad feeding juv), 31 Jul & 2 Aug (KMC & PRC resp); Orland Grasslands (Cook Co) (4, incl one yg), 16 Jun (WSS, SF). **MC**: 24, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 14, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 13, Moraine View SP (McLean Co), 14 Jun (MJW et al.); 12, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 9, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 9, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 8, BraidwoodL, 22 & 27 Jun (JHH); 8, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 7, Stillwell_, 2 Jun (VMK); 7, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 7, Blairsville Twp (Williamson Co), 5 & 18 Jun (SDB); 6, Athens_, 29 Jun (VMK); 5, Grant Wds FP (Lake Co), 8 Jun (BJS); 5, Nachusa, season (ABH); 5, *Marion/Clinton*, 23 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Other**: LincolnPk Golf Course (Chi, Cook Co), mid-Jun (LGM).

Cedar Waxwing feeding young at Old Orchard Shopping Center, Skokie, Cook County. 19 July 2009. Photo by Janice Lech.

European Starling

Breeding: Mid Meadows (ad feeding young juv, ad w/food for yg & 3 juvs w/ads), 9 Jun (ABA); Butterfield Crk Wetlands (Cook Co) (pr bringing food to yg in 2 nest holes in dead stumps in wetland), 9 Jun (ABA); Montrose (76 w/many juvs), 11 Jul (GAW); LCal (Hegewisch M) (fledgling), 20 Jul (WJM); Park Ridge (Cook Co) (pr feeding 4 yg), 4 Jun (JLh); JP (juvs evident in numbers by 31 May) (PRC); Old Plank Rd Trail (Matteson, Cook Co) (ads entering nest tree cavity), 30 May (SDB); BraidwoodL (Will Co)(carrying nest material), 20 Apr (JHH); KankakeePks (ads w/fledglings), 31 May (JHH). **MC**: 632, *Monroe*, 25 Jul (CAT, TLK); 630, *Randolph*, 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 600, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 439, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 364, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 326, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 200, KLMSNA, 17 Jul (DMK); 175, Montrose, 28 Jul (GAW); 161, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 143, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB); 140, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 124, Pontiac_, 5 Jun (VMK); 104, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 100, Hoyleton (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Cedar Waxwing

Breeding: Mundelein (Lake Co) (2 nests, one w/F incubating), 28 Jun (SDB); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (ad feeding juv), 1 Aug (ABA); CBG (pr feeding 2 very young juv), 29 Aug, w/young juvs still here 13 Sep (ABA, m.ob.); LArlington (Cook Co) (ads feeding yg), 18 Jun (JCB); Skokie (Cook Co) (ad feeding recent fledgling a berry), 19 Jul (JLh ph); BusseWds (pr feeding begging juvs in cottonwood), 19 Jul (ABA); JP (2 nests), 10 Jun (PRC) & 11 Jul (incl yg) (PAD); Orland Grasslands (Cook Co) (pr nest building), 20 Jun (FM); Isle-a-la-Cache Pr (Will Co) (fledgling), 18 Jul (PD ph); BraidwoodL (carrying nest material into Red Oak, 10 Jun (JHH). **MC**: 58 (most migrants), JP, 21 Jun (JSM, PRC); 46, KankakeeR SP, 1 Jun (JHH); 32, BraidwoodL, 8 Jun (JHH); 26, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 25, Lakewd, 10 Jun (SDB); 23, LowdMil, 3 Jul (DFS); 22, South Green Belt FP (Rich Twp, Cook Co), 30 May (SDB); 21, Cuba M FP (Lake Co), 7 Aug (ABA); 16, Athens_, 29 Jun (VMK); 14, RedwingSl, 7 Jul (SDB); 13, Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 10 Jun-12 Jun (SDB); 13, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 12, RollinsSav, 14 Jun (SBB); 12, EForkL, 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 12, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co), 14 Jul (DMK, MSS, CLH). **Other**: Montrose, Jarvis & LincolnPk Golf Course (Chi), season (LGM).

Blue-winged Warbler

Breeding: SwallowCliff (agitated pr w/M carrying food to nest), 2 Jun (WSS). **MC**: 4 (3 M), SpringCrk, 6 Jun (ABA); 3 (M), Grant Wds FP (Lake Co), 8 Jun (BJS); 3 (M), Cherry Hill FP (Cook Co), 6 Jun (WSS). **Others**: Dorr Twp (McHenry Co) (M), 12 Jun (SDB); Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (M), 7 Jun (EWW); PlumCrk (M), 10 Jun (ABA); Cap Sauers, 6 Jun (WSS); FGP (2 territories), 9-12 Jun (MFC); KCP (2 territories), 9-12 Jun (MFC); Pomona (2), 17 Jun (KAM).

Northern Parula

MC: 18, *Jackson*, 17 Jun (KAM); 8 (M), *Union* & *Pulaski*, 3 Jul (SDB); 7 (M), MBC (by canoe), 8 Jun (MJW); 7 (M), SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); 5 (M), Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 5 (M), Grassey Sl Pr (Johnson Co), 19 Jun (MML); 5 (M), *Johnson*, 1 Jul (SDB, SLD); 4, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 12 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 4, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 4, Fayville Rd (Alexander Co), 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 3 (M), Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 6 Jun (SDB); 3, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Edges of IL range**: Saganashkee Sl (Cook Co) (singing M), 29 May (SDB); *Bureau*, 12 Jun (DFS); Utica Twp (LaSalle Co), 5 Jul (DJS); Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co), 13 Jun (EWW); StarvedRock, 27 Jun (EWW); Green Oaks FS (Knox Co) (2+M), 4 Jun (DJM); KankakeeR SP (Will Co) (2), 9 Jun (JHH); KankakeeR SP (2), 1 Jun (JHH); MomenceWet (2), 6 Jun (GAW, IOS); *LaSalle* (single M @ StarvedRock & Utica Twp), 5 Jul (DJS); Big River SF (Henderson Co), 11 Jun (DFS); Hopedale Twp (Tazewell Co), 11 Jun (KBR). **Others**: Sang (juv), 21 Jul (HDB); HomerL, 27 Jul (fide EJC); MidFork, 27 Jun (fide EJC); LOWFP, 1 Jun (fide EJC); territories at FGP, KCP & KSP, season (MFC).

Yellow Warbler

Breeding: West Branch FP (DuPage Co) (ad w/ juv), 4 Aug (ABA); SongbirdSl (F feeding yg), 8 Jun (ABA); 179th/Cen (F w/food for yg), 9 Jun (ABA); LArlington (Cook Co) (M carrying food for yg), 9 Jul (JCB); Montrose (2 pr fledged one YWAR 5 Jul & one cowbird 6 Jul) (LGM); SwallowCliff (ad carrying food), 1 Jun (WSS); LCal (Hegewisch M) (ad feeding fledgling), 12 Jun (WJM); JP (Yg incl brood of 2 fledglings 14 Jul (KMC), & broods of 1 & 2 fledglings 15 Jul (PRC), & ad feeding fledgling cowbird 21 Jun (KMC); MidFork (2 pr, one w/cowbird fledgling), 30 Jun (fide EJC). **MC**: 66 (65 M), LCal, 14 Jun (WJM); 23, SpringCrk, 6 Jun (ABA); 21 (13 M, 2 pr, 2F), Bode Lks FP (Cook Co), 20 Jun (ABA); 19, LCal (Powderhorn FP), 18 Jun (WJM, JRG); 18 (14 M), SongbirdSl, 8 Jun (but pr still present 5 Aug) (ABA); 15 (M), Redwing Sl, 14 Jun (SDB); 11 (10 M), Montgomery (Kane Co), 28 May-23 Jun (SDB); 11, Montrose, 30 Jul (GAW); 10, JP, 21 Jun (PRC, KMC); 9, ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co), 6 Jun (DJS); 9 (M), PlumCrk, 10 Jun (ABA); 9, BraidwoodL, 10 Jun (JHH); 7 (M), Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co), 29-30 May & 7 (6 M) 26 Jun (SDB). **Others**: CarlL-C (4), 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); *Monroe* (3), 27 Jun (DMK, MSS); Dudleyville (2), 5 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

MC: 3 (M), SwallowCliff, 2 Jun (WJM, JWL, KKM). **Others**: Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (2 territories), 7 Jun (EWW); Salt Crk Pk FP (DuPage Co) (M), 11 Jun (ABA); Cap Sauers, 6 Jun (WSS).

Black-throated Green Warbler

NBSO: Dorr Twp (McHenry Co) (singing M), 12 Jun (SDB); Lakewd (singing M), 24 Jun (SDB); Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co) (M), 13 Jun (LP); Chi (N. Clark St) (singing male), 15 Jun (GAW); Sang (ad M; one of few county summer records & 1st since 1995), 20 Jul (HDB).

Blackburnian Warbler

None reported on territory from LowdMil this year as in past few years.

Yellow-throated Warbler

Breeding: LowdMil (pr feeding yg @ nest), 3 Jul (DFS); MArb (pr w/ one feeding 2-3 fledglings), 17 Jun (EES); Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co) (F feeding newly fledged cowbird), 6 Jun (SDB). **MC**: 20, LowdMil, 3 Jul (DFS); 8 (7 M), Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 6 Jun (SDB); 6, LowdMil, 11 Jul (DRD); 4 (M), MBC (by canoe), 8 Jun (MJW); 4, Pomona, 17 Jun (KAM). **Others**: MissPalis (M), 6 Jun (VMK et al.); Apple River Canyon SP (Jo Daviess Co), 3 Jul (CAT, TLK); Sinnissippi Pk Rckfd (2), 18-21 Jun (DTW); Rckfd (singing M in urban area in sycamores & pines), 14-21 Jun (DTW); IBSP (2), mid-May – early Jun (EWW); MArb (singing M), 28 May (J&JZ); StarvedRock (2) & Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co), 13 Jun (EWW); Green Oaks FS (Knox Co) (2M), 4 Jun (DJM); Big River SF (Henderson Co) (2), 11 Jun (DFS); Hopedale Twp (Tazewell Co), 11 Jun (KBR); KankakeeR SP (Will Co), 9 Jun (JHH); KankakeeR SP (2), 1 Jun (JHH); MomenceWet (2), 6 Jun (GAW, IOS); KSP (2 territories), 9-12 Jun (MFC); LOWFP, 27 Jun (fide EJC).

Pine Warbler

MC: 5, Pomona, 17 Jun (KAM); 4 & 2, LowdMil, 6 Jun & 3 Jul (DTW & DFS resp). **Other**: MArb (singing M), 1 May - 29 Jun (J&JZ, EES); SwallowCliff (M), 15 Jun (DFS); Big River SF (Henderson Co), 11 Jun (DFS); Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (M), 9 Jun (MJB); RamseyL SP (Fayette Co) (2), 12 Jun (DMK, MSS); Sam Dale SP (Wayne Co), 6 Jul (CLH).

Prairie Warbler

MC: 9 (M), FerneClyffe, 1 Jul (SDB, SLD). **Others**: **Montrose** (wandering overmigrant?), 20 Jun (ABB, KH ph) & 28 Jul (fall migrant/summer wanderer?(RDH). **Hennepin Twp (Putnam Co)**, (M) 12 Jun (DFS);

SiloamSpr, 20 Jun (fide KKM); **Hopedale Twp (Tazewell Co)**, 11 Jun (KBR); KCP (3 pr), season (MFC); FGP (pr), 9-12 Jun (MFC); MRB (singing M), 21 Jun (C&PD).

Blackpoll Warbler

NBSO: Downer's Grove (DuPage Co) (saw singing male), 14 Jun (REF).

Cerulean Warbler

Breeding: Pomona (3 ad & 2yg), 9 Jul (KAM). **MC**: 5, RockCut, 12 Jun (DTW); 5, Pomona, 17 Jun (KAM); 4, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co), 29 Jun (CLH); 4, Cave Crk (Jackson Co), 9 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM). **Others**: MissPalis (2 M), 6 Jun (VMK et al.); DeerGrove-E (M), 10 Jun (SAC) & (2m), 11 Jun (DBJ); Miller-And (2), 12 Jun (DFS); KankakeeR SP (Will & Kankakee Cos) (pr), 20 Jun (RDH); KCP (M), 9-12 Jun (MFC); RamseyL SP (Fayette Co) (2), 12 Jun – 1 Jul (DMK, MSS); Chauncey M (Lawrence Co), season (CLH); UCCA (2), 21 Jun (MML).

Black-and-white Warbler

SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co) (singing M), 17 Jun (SDB); *Jackson*, 17 & 20 Jun (KAM); CRSNA, F noted on 3 Jul (MML).

American Redstart

Breeding: MomenceWet (nest), 6 Jun (nest initially found w/F on nest 30 May) (GAW, AAA). **MC**: 40, UCCA, 21 Jun (MML); 28, *Jackson*, 17 Jun (KAM); 12, Apple River Canyon SP (Jo Daviess Co), 3 Jul (CAT, TLK); 11 (territories), COLSP, 29 May (EWW); 10, Fayville Rd (Alexander Co), 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 9, Momence Twp (Kankakee Co), 25 Jun (DFS); 7(M), Saganashkee Sl (Palos), 15 Jun (DFS). **Others**: SpgBlf, 19 Jul (EWW); IBSP (North Unit) (4 singing M), 26 Jul (SDB, SLD); MArb (singing 1st yr M), 21 Jun (UWG); SpringCrk (3,2M), 6 Jun (ABA); Saganashkee Sl (Cook Co) (2 singing M), 29 May (SDB); LowdMil (4), 11 Jul (DRD); Utica Twp (LaSalle Co), 5 Jul (DJS); Edward R. Madigan SF&WA (Logan Co), 18 Jun (CAT, TLK); MBC (3 (M, by canoe), 8 Jun (MJW); KSP (2 pr), 11-12 Jun (MFC); KCP (M), 11 Jun (MFC); CarlL-C (4), 21 Jun (DMK); Flag Pond (Clay Co), 8 Jun (CLH); Chauncey M (Lawrence Co) (F), 24 Jul (CLH); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (4), 11 Jun (DMK); *Gallatin* (WabashR), 7 Jul (CLH); St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); Cave Crk (Jackson Co) (4), 9 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM).

Territorial male Swainson's Warbler. Jackson County. 9 July 2009. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Prothonotary Warbler

Breeding: Niota (Hancock Co) (pr feeding yg & another M), 7 Jul (EWW); CRSNA (Buttonland Swamp) (ad M feeding juv), 18 Jun (SDB). **MC**: 60, UCCA, 21 Jun (MML); 20, Grassey Slough Pr (Johnson Co), 19 Jun (MML); 16 (M), SniderL & FoxL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); 15, MermetL, 16 Jun (MML); 10, CRSNA, 11 Jun (MML). **Others**: *Jo Daviess*, 4 Jul (CAT, TLK); SugarR FP (Winnebago Co), Jun/Jul (DTW); Cherry Valley Twp (Winnebago Co), 31 Jul (AO ph); Leepertown Twp (Bureau Co), 12 Jun (DFS); HennepinL, 12 Jun (DFS); Momence Twp (Kankakee Co) (5), 25 Jun (DFS); Big River SF (Henderson Co) (6), 11 Jun (DFS); L & D 18 (Henderson Co), 11 Jun (DFS); Woodford SF&WA (Woodford Co) (6), 21 Jun (MJW); MidFork, 23 Jul (fide EJC); 2 territories, KCP, 11-12 Jun (MFC); TwoRivers (8), 5 Jul (DMK); Beaucoup_ (2), 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); CarlL-F (6), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (4), 11 Jun (DMK); RendL (5), 17 Jun (KAM).

Worm-eating Warbler

MC: 8, Pomona, 17 Jun (KAM); 4, RamseyL SP (Fayette Co), 12 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Ray Norbut SF&WA (Pike Co), 20 Jun (fide KKM); Flag Pond (Clay Co) (M), 8 Jun (CLH); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (1-2), 29 Jun (CLH).

SWAINSON'S WARBLER

Cave Crk (Jackson Co) (4 incl pr) (20 Jun, & 9 Jul & 27 Jul (RMR & DMK ph, MSS, KAM & MML resp); *Johnson* (singing M, likely unpaired), early Jun – 25 Jul (MML).

Ovenbird

MC: 29 & 27, LowdMil, 6 Jun & 3 Jul (DTW & DFS resp); 14 (M), Lakewd, 9-24 Jun (SDB); 9, KankakeeR SP (Will Co), 9 Jun (JHH); 8, KankakeeR SP, 1 Jun (JHH); 7, SwallowCliff, 21 Jun (DFS). **Others**: Dorr Twp (McHenry Co) (4 M), 10 Jun (SDB); Grant Wds FP (Lake Co) (4M), 8 Jun (BJS); Big Rock (Kane Co) (M), 23 Jun (SDB); SpringCrk (3M), 6 Jun (ABA); Montrose, 28 Jul (migrant) (GAW); Condit Twp (Champaign Co) (M), 16 Jun (SDB); Champaign (town window kill; migrant?), 25 Jul (DLT); Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (4), 12 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Louisiana Waterthrush

MC: 5, Pomona, 20 Jun (KAM, COS); 4, Fayville Rd (Alexander Co), 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: King's Grove FP (Cook Co) (M), 10 Jun (ABA); StarvedRock, 13 Jun (EWW); Gladstone Twp (Henderson Co) (M), 11 Jun (DFS); Kenyon NP (Woodford Co) (agitated pr), 9 & 24 May (MJW); MBC (by canoe), 8 Jun (MJW); FGP (2 territories), season (MFC).

Kentucky Warbler

Breeding: Oquawka Twp (Henderson Co) (pr carrying food), 11 Jun (DFS); Quincy Twp (Adams Co) (3 ad tending/bringing food to nest w/5, 2-3 day old yg), 20 Jul (RLJ); MBC (Chinquapin Pr) (2 singing M & F, 3 fledglings), 11 Jul (MJW, AC). **MC**: 13, *Jackson*, 17 Jun (KAM); 6, Fayville Rd (Alexander Co), 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, LowdMil, 11 Jul (DRD); 4, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 1 Jul (DMK). **Others**: Grayslake (Lake Co) (M singing/living in town yard for 3+ weeks), 8-9 Jun (VL, BJS); Cap Sauers (singing M), 1 Jun (KKM) & (agitated M), 6 Jun (WSS); Green Oaks FS (Knox Co) (2+M), 4 Jun (DJM); KankakeeR NP (Will Co), 9 Jun (JHH); KCP (2 pr), 11-12 Jun (MFC); FGP (2 pr), 11-12 Jun (MFC); *Jasper*, 24 Jun (DMK, MSS); Fults Hill Pra (Monroe Co) (ad), 31 Jul (TAM).

Mourning Warbler

LowdMil, 6 Jun (DTW). Have summered & nested at this location several times. **NBSO**: Montrose (singing M), **29 Jun** (KH).

Common Yellowthroat

Breeding: MidSav (ad feeding yg cowbird), 2 Aug (LM); Cuba M FP (Lake Co) (M w/food for juv), 7 Aug (ABA); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (F w/2 juv, 2 F w/food for yg for single juv, & male feeding juv), 1 Aug (ABA); JPPSP (M w/food for juv), 28 Jul (BD); SwallowCliff (ad carrying food), 1 Jun (WSS); Spears Wds FP (Palos) (M feeding lg cowbird juv), 4 Jul (KKM); MeadbrkPk (fledgling), 7 Jul (fide EJC). **MC**: 56, *Will/Grundy*, 5 Jul (RDH); 50, UCCA, 21 Jun (MML); 46 (44 M), JPPSP, 28 Jul (BD); 43, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 38 (27 M), East Branch FP (DuPage Co), 1 Aug (ABA); 32, Shabbona Lk SP (DeKalb Co), 12 Jul (DJS); 28 (M), Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 24 (M), RedwingSl, 14 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); 23 (22 M), Perdueville HA (Ford Co), 21 May-10 Jul (SDB); 21, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 20, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 18, LCal, 14 Jun (WJM); 17, *Monroe*, 25 Jul (CAT, TLK); 14, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 13 (M), Rich Twp (Cook Co), 30 May (SDB); 11, *Jackson*, 17 Jun (KAM); 10, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 10, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: JP (3 territorial males through 5 Jul (PRC et al.), & one of these through 19 Jul, +s M @ a different site on 19 Jul, then none thereafter (PRC). No females detected after 7 Jun, and no evidence of nesting (PRC).

Hooded Warbler

MC: 6, LowdMil, 3 Jul (DFS); 4, Cave Crk (Jackson Co), 9 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM); 4 (M), SwallowCliff, 6 Jun (WSS, SF); 3 (M), Cap Sauers, 15 Jun (BJS); 3 (M), Saganashkee Sl (Palos), 15 Jun (DFS). **Others**: RockCut (2), 12 Jun (DTW); IBSP (No. Unit), 6 Jun (AFS, RE, PS); Oldfield Oaks FP (DuPage Co), 4 Jun (REF, JAS, UWG); DeerGrove-E (M), 10 Jun (SAC) & (2M), 11 Jun (DBJ); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (2 & 1), 24 Jun & 14 Jul resp (CLH).

Yellow-breasted Chat

Breeding: Champaign (Swine Research Area) (pr w/family of fledged yg), 12 Jun (fide EJC). **MC**: 20, UCCA, 21 Jun (MML); 17, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 12, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 9, Pembroke Twp, 24 Jun (DFS); 9, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 8, Pulaski_, 12 Jun (VMK); 7 (M), Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 7, *Edwards*, 12 Jun (RES); 7 (6 M), Blairsville Twp (Williamson Co), 5 & 18 Jun (SDB); 6, Champaign (Swine Research Area) see above; 5 (M), PlumCrk, 10 Jun (ABA) 5, BraidwoodL, 27 Jun-5 Jul (JHH). **Others**: IBSP (5 & 3), 20 Jun – 20 Jul (EWW & SDB); GreeneVal, 4 Jun-6 Jul (MAM); West Chicago Pra FP (DuPage Co) (5 pr), season (MRB); MArb (singing M), 5-16 Jun (J&JZ); King's Grove FP (Cook Co) (2 M), 10 Jun (ABA); Orland Grasslands (Cook Co), 16 Jun (WSS, SF);Hennepin Twp (Putnam Co) (2), 12 Jun (DFS); Fall Crk (Adams Co) (5), 12 Jul (AGD); Moraine View SP (McLean Co) (3), 14 Jun (MJW); LOWFP, 27 Jun (fide EJC); HomerL, 3 Jul (fide EJC); Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (4), 12 Jun (DMK, MSS); PrRdg-M (4), 13 Jun (DMK, MSS); CRSNA (Buttonland Swamp), 4 Jun (SDB).

Summer Tanager

Breeding: FGP (2 pr nest building), 11 Jun (MFC). **MC**: 9, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 6, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 20 Jul (DJS); 6, SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 4 Jun (SDB); 5, *Randolph*, 26 Jul (CAT, TLK). **Others**: IBSP (North Unit) (1st summer), 14-15 Jul + (JCB, EWW, m.ob.); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (1st ssummer), 5-8 Jun (DHy, MRB); MArb (M), 8 Jul & (juv), 13 Jul (NG & RK resp); GreeneVal, 29 Jun (MAM); Cranberry Sl (Palos) (M feeding F plum bird), 4 Jul (KKM); Palos Park Wds FP (Cook Co) (M), 22 May-6 Jun (CBT); Palos (Division Headquarters), 4 Jul (KKM);

Bergman Sl (Cook Co) (M), 21 JUN (DFS); Cap Sauers (2 M), 18 & 23 Jul (WSS & CBT resp) w/one 14 Jun (DJS); McCune Sand Pra (Bureau Co) (M), 13 Jun (EWW); KankakeeR SP (Will Co), 9 Jun (JHH); KankakeeR SP, 1 Jun (JHH); Pembroke Twp (4), 14 Jun (RDH); *Iroquois*, 1 Jul (CAT); *Fulton* (female), 29 Jul (LLH); Merwin NP (McLean Co) (pr), 19 Jul (DW fide MEF); HomerL, 3 Jul (fide EJC); RamseyL SP (Fayette Co) (4), 12 Jun (DMK, MSS); KLMSNA (4), 15 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Scarlet Tanager

Breeding: HerrickL (F feeding 2 newly hatched yg in nest), 14 Jun (SO); Swallow Cliff (F on nest, later failed), 6 Jul (WSS ph). **MC**: 10, LowdMil, 3 Jul (DFS); 9, SwallowCliff, 21 Jun (DFS); 7 (M), Lakewd, 9-24 Jun (SDB); 7, KankakeeR SP, 1 Jun (JHH); 6 (M), Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 10 Jun-6 Jul (SDB). **Others**: Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (3 territories), 21 Jun (EWW); Big Rock (Kane Co) (3 M), 23 Jun (SDB); King's Grove FP (Cook Co) (3 M), 10 Jun (ABA); PlumCrk (3 M), 10 Jun (ABA); Pembroke Twp (3), 14 Jun (RDH).

Summer Tanager, Cap Sauers Holding, Palos, Cook County. 23 July 2009. Photo by Craig Thayer.

Eastern Towhee

Breeding: MArb (fledgling), 16 Jul (M&LN); GreenR (juv), 4 Sep (DTW). **MC**: 26, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 20, LowdMil, 11 Jul (DRD); 16 (11), Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 10 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 15 (8M), PlumCrk, 10 Jun (ABA); 15, Hensley & Condit Twps (Champaign Co), 30 Jun (SDB); 14 (8 M), SpringCrk, 6 Jun (ABA); 14, Palos, 2 Jun (WJM); 9, Fall Crk (Adams Co), 4 Jun (AGD); 9 (7 M), Blairsville Twp (Williamson Co), 18 Jun (SDB).

Lark Sparrow nest with two eggs. Bentley-Crawford Savanna, Pembroke, Kankakee County. 16 July 2009. Photo by Fran Harty.

Chipping Sparrow

Breeding: Danada FP (DuPage Co) (ad w/yg), 27 Jun (J&JZ); Des Plaines (Cook Co) (5 nest confirmations in neighborhood incl 1) ad feeding juv cowbird, 3 Jul, 2) ad feeding nestling CHSP, 6 Jul, 3&4) ad feeding juv CHSP on ground in 2 locales, 8 Aug & 5) ad feeding 2 juv 14-15 Aug (ABA); BusseWds (ad w/imm), 21 Aug (ABA); BraidwoodL (fledgling), 7 Jul (JHH); Rantoul (Champaign Co) (ad feeding recently fledged yg & ad feeding recently fledged cowbird), 23 & 30 Jul resp (SDB). **MC**: 39, Pembroke Twp, 24 Jun (DFS); 38, LowdMil, 3 Jul (DFS); 27, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB); 27, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 27, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 24, BraidwoodL, 24 Jun (JHH); 24. Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 19, Athens_, 29 Jun (VMK); 19, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 19, *Jackson*, 17 Jun (KAM); 15, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 13, Apple River Canyon SP (Jo Daviess Co), 3 Jul (CAT, TLK); 12, Fairbury_, 4 Jun (VMK); 12, Monticello_, 9 Jun (EJC); 11, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK).

Clay-colored Sparrow

MC: 11 (10 M), Rockton (Winnebago) (@ former Christmas tree farm), 13 Jun (DTW, BCW). **Others**: Gander Mountain FP (Lake Co) (M), 15 May – Jun (EWW et al.); PaulDouglas (singing M), 17 Jul (CSF); Orland Grasslands (Cook Co) (M), 9 Jul (JT).

Field Sparrow

Breeding: Cuba M FP (Lake Co) (pr w/juv), 7 Aug (ABA); HerrickL (F feeding 2 newly hatched yg in nest), 14 Jun (SO); West Branch FP (DuPage Co) (pr w/juv), 4 Aug (ABA); SpringCrk (pr w/juv & pr feeding juv), 6 Jul (ABA); Mid Meadows (pr feeding 2 juv), 9 Jun (ABA); Little Red Schoolhouse NC (Palos) (juvs), 4 Jul (KKM); Spears Wds FP (Cook Co) (ad feeding fledgling a moth), 18 Jul (KKM); 179th/Cen (pr feeding juv), 9 Jun (ABA); Pembroke Twp (carrying food), 26 May (JHH). **MC**: 61, Pembroke Twp, 24 Jun (DFS); 57, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 39 (26 singing M), SpringCrk, 6 Jun (ABA); 29, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 23, Moraine View SP (McLean Co), 14 Jun (MJW et al.); 19, Dudleyville_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 16 (15 M), Perdueville HA (Ford Co), 10 Jul (SDB); 16, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 15, Cuba M FP (Lake Co) (9 singing M), 7 Aug (ABA); 15, Mid Meadows, 9 Jun (ABA); 14, Flossmoor/Central Ave FP (Cook Co), 9 Jun (ABA); 11, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10 (9M), PlumCrk, 10 Jun (ABA). **Others**: Campton FP (Kane Co) (5 M), Jun (ABH); Bode Lks FP (Cook Co) (8, 7M), 20 Jun (ABA); Tinley Crk Wetland (Cook Co) (8), 9 Jun (WJM, DRr); BraidwoodL (8), 5 Jul (JHH).

Vesper Sparrow

MC: 46, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB); 17, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 8, Monticello_, 9 Jun (EJC); 7, Pontiac_, 5 Jun (VMK); 6, MBC, 7 Jul (MEF). **Other**: Newport Twp (Lake Co) (2M), 8 Jul (BJS). **Southern edge of range**: DeerGrove-E, 30 Jun (BJS); Anderson Twp (Clark Co) (M), 7 Jun (SDB); Prairie Twp (Crawford Co) (3 M), 7 Jun (SDB); Spring Branch (Bond Co) (2), 18 Jun (MSS, MJB); Russell Twp (Lawrence Co) (2), 7 Jun (CLH); Mount Erie Twp (Wayne Co), 17 Jun-31 Jul (CLH); *Wabash* (Amax prop.), 19 Jun (CLH).

Lark Sparrow

Breeding: Rockton (Winnebago Co) (ads w/begging juv), see below; The Hollows FP (McHenry Co) (4 ad & 2 yg), 21 Jun (JRS, BD); Pembroke Twp (nest w/2LASP eggs), 16 Jul (FH ph) & juv, 11 Jul (GN ph, JRRS, KKM); MBC (F w/fledgling), 7 Jul (MEF); Sang (ad w/juv), 28 Jul (HDB); *Wayne* (pr w/4 yg), 10 Jul (CLH). **MC**: 10, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 10, MBC, 8 Jun (MJW); 5, Rockton (Winnebago Co) (former Christmas tree farm), 13 Jun (DTW, BCW); 5, MBC, 7 Jul (MEF); 5 (2 pr & M), Elk Twp (SniderL, Jackson Co) 17 & 30 Jun (SDB, SLD); 4, Nachusa, season (ABH); 4, Ware (Union Co), 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: SFPK, 27 Jun (ABH et al.); Annawan (Henry Co) (ad), 25 Jul (EWW); *Bureau*, 12 Jun (DFS); McCune Sand Pra (Bureau Co), 13 Jun (EWW); Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); BraidwoodL (1st record this location), 7 Jul (JHH); Athens_ (ad), 29 Jun (VMK); TwoRivers, 5 Jul (DMK); Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); Big Crk (Fayette Co) (2), 12 Jun (DMK, MSS); Dudleyville_ (2), 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); Russellville (Lawrence Co) (3, pr & M), 7 Jun (CLH); Lawrenceville (Lawrence Co) (M), 7 Jun (CLH); Bible Grove Twp (Clay Co) (M), 21 Jun (CLH); *Richland* (M), 22 Jun (CLH); Blairsville Twp (Williamson Co), 18 Jun (SDB).

Savannah Sparrow

Breeding: Lakewd (ad carrying food for yg), 9 Jun (SDB); West Branch FP (Du Page Co) (pr w/3 imm), 4 Aug (ABA); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (ad feeding yg), 12 Jul (J&JZ); SongbirdSl (pr feeding juv), 5 Aug (BSh); Chi (Northerlyl) (several carrying food), 2 Jul (DFS); Bode Lks FP (Cook Co) (ad w/food for yg), 20 Jun (ABA); BusseWds (3 pr w/juvs & 4th pr w/ food for yg), 19 Jul (ABA). **MC**: 49, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 22, BusseWds, 19 Jul (ABA); 21, Chi (Northerlyl), 2 Jul (DFS); 21, SFPK, 27 Jun (ABH et al.); 17 (M), Techny Basin CA (Cook Co), 9 Jun (SG); 11 (5 M, 2 pr), SongbirdSl, 8 Jun (ABA); 11 (7M), Bode Lks FP (Cook Co), 20 Jun (ABA); 11 (10 M), PlumCrk, 10 Jun (ABA); 10, RollinsSav, 6 Jun (DRD et al.); 10, DeerGrove-E (2M), 30 Jun (BJS); 10 (M), ColesCo Apt, 22 May-14 Jul (SDB); 7, RollinsSav, 14 Jun (SBB); 5, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 3 Jul (DFS). **NBSO**: Montrose, 27&28 Jul (RDH & GAW resp). **Edge of range**: SW *Adams* (2), 4 Jun (AGD).

Grasshopper Sparrow

Breeding: PlumCrk (ad feeding juv), 10 Jun (ABA); BusseWds (pr w/juv & pr w/2 juv & ad w/food for begging yg), 9 Jul (ABA); Orland Grassland (Cook Co) (carrying food for yg), 16 Jun (WSS); Annawan (Henry Co) (ads feeding yg in 2 locations), 25 Jul (EWW); Pembroke Twp (carrying food), 26 May (JHH) & ad w/fledgling, 11 Jul (GN ph, JRRS, KKM); ColesCo Apt (flushed F off nest), 22 May & (F carrying caterpillar to feed yg), 14 Jul (SDB). **MC**: 353, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 50, LostMound, 6 Jun (VMK et al.); 24, SFPK, 27 Jun (ABH et al.); 22 (20 M), PlumCrk, 10 Jun (ABA); 19 (17 males), Coles Co Apt, 22 May-14 Jul (SDB); 18, Clement (Marion/Clinton Cos), 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); 15, MBC, 8 Jun (MJW); 13, BusseWds, 9 Jul (ABA); 11, PrRdg-J, 10 Jun (JWW, CLH, RES); 11, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 11, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 10,

Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 9, *Wabash*, 19 Jul (KAM); 8 (M), Nachusa, season (ABH); 8, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 7 (M), Country Club Hills (Cook Co), 9 Jun (WJM, DRr); 6 (5M), 179th/Cen, 9 Jun (ABA); 6, MBC, 7 Jul (MEF); 6, Todds Point Twp (Shelby Co), 26 Jul (TAM); 5, HeideckeL (Grundy Co) (ad), 11 Jul (DFS); 5, Hoyleton (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: IBSP (3), 30 May (EWW); DeerGrove-E (3M), 30 Jun (BJS); MlrMdw (4), 7 Jun (JSA); Jamestown_ (4), 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); Dudleyville_ (6), 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); PrRdg-M (4), 13 Jun (DMK, MSS); Blairsville Twp (Williamson Co) (3 males), 18 Jun (SDB).

Henslow's Sparrow

Breeding: Pratt'sWW (ad w/begging juv), 28 Jul (BD); Orland Grasslands (Cook Co) (6 males, some carrying food for yg), 16 Jun (WSS). **MC**: 68, PrRdg-J, 10 Jun (JWW, CLH, RES); 47, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 32 (20 M, 6 pr), PlumCrk, 10 Jun (ABA); 23, PrRdg-M, 11 Jun (JWW, et al.); 18 (M), BusseWds, 19 Jul (ABA); 9 (M), 179th/Cen, 9 Jun (ABA). **Others**: LostMound (2 M), 6 Jun (VMK, et al.); RockCut (7), 12 Jun (DTW); Glacial Pk (McHenry Co), 9 Jun (BJS); IBSP (No. Unit) (M singing in sand prairie), 7 Jun & 20 Jul (JSS & SDB resp); RollinsSav (7), 6 & 23 Jun (BJS & DRD resp); Lakewd (4 M), 5 May-10 Jun (SDB); Nachusa (3 males), season (ABH); DYNL (2), 11 Jul (DJS); Campton FP (Kane Co) (male), 5-9 Jun (JJD); West Branch FP (DuPage Co) (M), 4 Aug (ABA); SongbirdSl (M), 8 Jun (ABA); HerrickL (3), 14 Jun (SO); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (M), 27 Jun (J&JZ); Fermi, 28 Jun (UWG); Pratt'sWW (5M), 28 Jul (BD); DeerGrove-E (M), 11 Jun (DBJ); King's Grove FP (Cook Co) (2M), 10 Jun (ABA); Tiney Crk Wetlands (Cook Co) (M); 9 Jun (WJM, DRr); TurtleheadL FP (Cook Co), 22 May (5) & 13 Jun (6) (CBT & RLS resp); Orland Grasslands (Cook Co) (5), 16 Jun (WSS, SF); HeideckeL (Grundy Co), 11 Jul (DFS); Des Plaines CA (Will Co), 7 Jun (DJS); Moraine View SP (McLean Co), 14 Jun (MJW et al.); Milford Twp (Iroquois Co), 20 Jun (SDB); Sang (4 singing M on territory), 26 Jul (HDB); Perdueville HA (Ford Co) (4 M), 21 May-10 Jul (SDB); MidFork, 18 Jul (fide EJC); LOWFP, season (fide EJC); KCP (2-3 territories), season (MFC); Sharp Rd (Clinton Co) (6), 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); PrRdg-M (Karl Bartel WS) (8), 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); Kell_ (4 M), 6 Jun (SDB); Irvington Twp (Washington Co) (2), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); Garden Hill Twp (Wayne Co), 1 Jul (CLH); Petty Twp (Lawrence Co) (5 M), 7 Jun (CLH); *Edwards*, 12 Jun (RES). **Note**: This species has been removed from Illinois' state threatened list.

Henslow's Sparrow, Turtlehead Lake Forest Preserve, Cook County. 6 June 2009. Photo by Craig Thayer.

Henslow's Sparrow on rattlesnake master. Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area, Grundy County. 27 June 2009. Photo by Brian Tang.

Blue Grosbeak nest. Illinios Beach State Park North Unit, Lake County.20 July 2009. Photo by Steven D. Bailey.

Song Sparrow

Breeding: West Branch FP (DuPage Co) (pr w/4 juv & 2 other pr w/single juv), 4 Aug (ABA); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (prs w/1&2 juvs), 1 Aug (ABA); SpringCrk (pr feeding 2 juvs), 6 Jun (ABA); SongbirdSl (ad feeding juv cowbird), 21 Aug (JCy); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (ad carrying food), 27 Jun (J&JZ); MArb (ad feeding yg), season (WT); Montrose (2 pr seen carrying food), season & 13 Jul (LGM & GAW resp), though fledgling noted 11 Jun (GAW). **MC**: 62 (61 M), LCal, 14 Jun (WJM); 53, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 51 (26 singing M), West Branch FP (DuPage Co), 4 Aug (ABA); 44 (32 singing M), East Branch FP (DuPage Co), 1 Aug (ABA); 40, RollinsSav, 14 Jun (SBB); 36 (M), Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 36, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 36, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 33 (21 singing M), JPPSP, 28 Jul (ABA); 32, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 30, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 29 (18 singing M), SpringCrk, 6 Jun (ABA); 29, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB); 23, Rich Twp (Cook Co), 30 May-26 Jun (SDB); 20, Monticello_, 9 Jun (EJC); 20, *Marion/Clinton*, 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); 20, Hoyleton (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 18, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 17, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 17, BurntPrairie_, 9 Jun (VMK); 16 (15 M), RedwingSl, 14 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); 13, KankakeePks, 26 Jun (JHH); 13, Montgomery (Kane Co), 23 Jun (SDB); 13, *Wabash*, 19 Jul (KAM); 12, CampPoint_, 1 Jun (VMK). **Others**: Montrose (10), 29 Jul (GAW); JP (~7 terrirories), thru season (PRC).

Lincoln's Sparrow

NBSO: Sang, **19 Jul** (HDB ph); 1st Illinois July record.

Swamp Sparrow

MC: 28 (27 M), RedwingSl, 14 Jun – 7 Jul (SDB); 15 (territories), SpgBlf, 15 Jun – 19 Jul (w/some still singing 7 Aug) (EWW); 9 (7M, pr), SpringCrk, 6 Jun (ABA).

Others: Montgomery (Kane Co) (4 M), 23 Jun (SDB); Old Plank Rd Trail (Matteson, Cook Co) (M), 30 May (SDB); South Green Belt FP (Rich Twp, Cook Co) (3 M), 30 May (SDB); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (M), 30 May & 26 Jun (SDB); Miller Gardens Pk (Matteson, Cook Co) (3 M), 26 Jun (SDB); GreenR (5), 7 Jul (EWW); GLPSP, 5 Jul (RDH).

White-throated Sparrow

Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); Miller-And (singing M), **5 Jul** (CKM, JMc).

White-crowned Sparrow

NBSO: Des Plaines (Cook Co) (2), **13 Jun** (ABA); Chi (Dalcy Plaza), **6 Jul** (LR); JP (black-lored form), **29 Jul – 12 Aug** (KMC, PRC).

Dark-eyed Junco

NBSO: Chi (Grant Pk), 8 Jun (DFS).

Female Dickcissel. Buffalo Trace Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Champaign County. 2 August 2009. Photo by Ivan Petrov.

Northern Cardinal

Breeding: Rckfd (carrying nest material), 2 Aug (DTW); Mundelein (Lake Co) (2 nests of double-brooded pr w/cowbird in each nest & one cardinal in one nest, Jun-20 Jul (SDB, SLD); Wood Dale Grove FP (DuPage Co) (M w/juv), 3 Jul (ABA); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (F feeding yg), 1 Aug (ABA); Salt Crk Pk FP (DuPage Co) (pr feeding juvs), 11 Jun (ABA); Lake Forest (Lake Co) (pr carrying nest material to arborvitae), 17 Mar (ML); Bode Lks FP (Cook Co) (M feeding cowbird juv), 20 Jun (ABA); The Grove, Glenview (Cook Co) (juv begging for food from ad), 21 Sep (ABA); River Forest yard (Cook Co) (M feeding juv cowbird), 9 Jul (JSA); Jarvis (ad feeding fledgling), 14 Jun (LGM); Montrose (M NOCA & one cowbird fledgling & fledgling (sp?) being fed by ad[s]), 25 Jul & 28 Jul-3 Aug (LGM & GAW resp); MidFork (ad w/cowbird fledgling)30 Jun (fide EJC). **MC**: 47, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 46, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 45, Pulaski_, 12 Jun (VMK); 38, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 37, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 34, Athens_, 29 Jun (VMK); 34, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 32, BurntPrairie_, 9 Jun (VMK); 30, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 28 (22 M), Lakewd, 9-24 Jun (SDB); 24, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 24, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 23, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 20 (18 M), Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 12 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 20 (18 M), Blairsville Twp (Williamson Co), 5 & 18 Jun (SDB); 15, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Breeding: MArb (M feeding fledgling), 22 Jul (M&LN); Cap Sauers (M on nest), 6 Jun (WSS ph); Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (fledgling), 1 Jul (DMK ph, MSS). **MC**: 13, LowdMil, 3 Jul (DFS); 10, SwallowCliff, 21 Jun (DFS); 9 (M), PlumCrk, 10 Jun (ABA); 8 (M), King's Grove FP (Cook Co), 10 Jun (ABA); 6, *Will/Grundy*, 5 Jul (RDH); 6, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5 (4 M), Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 12 Jun (SDB); 5, Moraine View SP (McLean Co), 14 Jun (MJW et al.); 5, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: SpringCrk (3 M) , 6 Jun (ABA); NoP (migrant), 3 Jun (GAW); Montrose, 2, & 25-26 Jul (RDH & ABB & MMC resp); Stillwell_ (3), 2 Jun (VMK); Riverbend (3), 13 Jul (fide EJC). **Southern edge of range**: Orange Twp (Clark Co) (2 M), 7 Jun (SDB); Jasper (2), 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); *Montgomery* & *Fayette*, 16 Jun (CAT); *Bond*, 18 Jun (CAT, TLK); Spring Branch (Bond Co), 15-22 Jun (DMK, MSS); Dudleyville_, see above; CarlL-C, see above; Haines, Stephenson & Alma Twps (Marion Co) (3 M), 6 Jun (SDB); *Marion*, 20 Jul (KAM); Flora_ (Clay Co) (2 males), 21 Jun (CLH); Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); *Monroe* (2), 27 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Blue Grosbeak

Breeding: **IBSP (North Unit) (Lake Co)** (pr feeding yg @ poorly built nest, containing shreds of plastic ~ 7 ft. above stream), 20 Jul (SDB), w/ pr present since 6-28 Jul (m.ob). 1st Lake County nest, although species bred (@ IBSP) in 2006; Cypress Crk NWR (Union Co) (F on nest w/ 3 host eggs, later fledged 2 yg), 1 Jul (MML, SDB, SLD); CRSNA (Pulaski Co) (pr @ nest w/3 host eggs), 3 Jul (SDB). **MC**: 13 (M), Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 13, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 11, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 10, Flora_ (Clay Co), 21 Jun (CLH); 9 (4 pr & M), *Johnson*, 1 Jul (SDB); 8, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 8, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 11 Jun & 2 Jul (DMK, MSS); 8, KLMSNA, 16 Jul (DMK); 7, Olney_ (Richland/Wayne Cos), 17 Jun (CLH); 5, PrRdg-J, 10 Jun (JWW, CLH, RES); 5, Pomona, 17 Jun (KAM); 5 (4 M), Levee Rd (Union Co), 2 Jul (SDB). **Others**: IBSP (South Unit) (pr), 28 Jul (SG, CSF, AAA); Midewin (pr), 7 Jun (DJS); La Fox (Kane Co) (pr), 23-25 Jul (JHn); DuPage Twp (Will Co) (M), 20 Jul (MAM); MArb (M), 21 Jun (JDC, MC); TurtleheadL FP (Cook Co) (1st spring M), 6 Jun (PD ph, CBT); Salt Creek Wds FP (Cook Co) (pr, F carrying nesting material & M followed in courtship display), 30 May (JSA, DJA); Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (M), 13 Jun (EWW); BraidwoodL (ad M), 4 Jun & (imm M) 29 Jun (JHH); Pembroke Twp (2), 24 Jun (DFS); Brookfield Twp (LaSalle Co) (pr), 25 May (DJS); LaSalleL (pr), 11 Jul (SDB m.ob.); Big River SF (Henderson Co) (pr), 11 Jun (DFS); CampPoint_ (2), 1 Jun (VMK); Athens_ (2), 29 Jun (VMK); MBC (1st spring M), 23 May-27 Jun (MJW); se. *Woodford* (several singing M), season (fide MJW). Previously very scarce in area, but not clear if any breeding occurred; Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co) (M), 9 Jun (MJB); Perdueville HA (Ford Co) (2 M), 10 Jul (SDB); Spring Lake Rd (Tazewell Co) (3), 3 Jul (UWG); Emiquon, 7 Jun & 3 Jul (LLH & UWG resp); Hensley Twp (Champaign Co) (M), 30 Jun (SDB); FGP (pr), 8-12 Jul (MFC ph); Monticello_ (pr), 9 Jun (EJC); Prairie Twp (Crawford Co) (M), 7 Jun (SDB); *Montgomery*, 16 Jun (CAT); TwoRivers, 24 Jul (KAM); COR, 24 Jul (KAM); Tamalco Twp (Bond Co) (2 M), 16 Jun (SDB); CarlL-C (4), 26-30 Jul (DMK, MSS); Jamestown_(3), 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); Dudleyville_(3), 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); ESTL (3), 30 Jun (DMK, MSS, KAM); HL, 5 Jul (FRH); New Athens Twp (St. Clair Co) (singing M on territory), 31 Aug (TD); St. Peter (Marion Co), 13 Jun (DMK, MSS); Laws Crk (Jasper Co), 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); Kaskaskial (Randolph Co) (2), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); Irvington Twp (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); Mt. Vernon (Jefferson Co) (M), 19 Jun (SDB); Hamilton Co SF&WA, 19 Jun (DMK, MSS); Herrin (Williamson Co) (3 M), 5 Jun (SDB); Elk Twp (FoxL, Jackson Co) (M), 4 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); Mill Creek (Union Co) (4, 3 M), 2 Jul (SDB); UCCA (4), 21 Jun (MML); Pulaski_(3), 12 Jun (VMK). **Note**: "Much more common in southeast Illinois in last few years" (CLH).

Indigo Bunting

Breeding: Cuba M FP (Lake Co) (pr w/2 juv), 7 Aug (B&Bl); SongbirdSl (pr w/imm), 5 Aug (ABA); Wood Dale Grove FP (DuPage Co) (pr feeding INBU juv & F feeding juv cowbird), 3 Jul & (pr feeding 2 juv), 23 Jul (ABA); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (pr w/food for yg), 7 Aug (ABA); MArb (F carrying food), 22 Jul (M&LN) & pr w/fledgling, 21 Jul (J&JZ); CBG (pr w/juv & F w/food for yg), 29 Aug (ABA); PlumCrk (pr cop & 2 F each with food for juvs), 10 Jun (ABA); SwallowCliff (ad carrying food), 1 Jun (WSS); Jarvis (pr carrying food), season (LGM). **MC**: 98, Pembroke Twp, 24 Jun (DFS); 94, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 83, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 52, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB); 52, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 51, *Monroe*, 25 Jul (CAT, TLK); 50, BeaverdamL, 10 Jun (VMK); 49 (48 M), SniderL & FoxL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); 45, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 45, *Jackson*, 17 Jun (KAM); 43, *Will/Grundy*, 5 Jul (RDH); 42, BurntPrairie_, 9 Jun (VMK); 40, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 40, Pulaski_, 12 Jun (VMK); 39, SwallowCliff, 21 Jun (DFS); 38, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 38, *Randolph*, 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 36, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 34, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 30, KLMSNA, 16 Jul (DMK); 25 (21 M), LCal, 14 Jun (WJM); 24 (M), Blairsville Twp (Williamson Co), 18 Jun (SDB); 22 (21 M), Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 10 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 22, PlumCrk, 10 Jun (ABA); 21, KankakeeR SP (Will & Kankakee Cos), 20 Jun (RDH); 21, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 20 (15 M), Palos, 2 Jun (WJM); 20, sw *Adams*, 4 Jun (AGD); 20 (19 M), Lafayette Twp (Coles Co), 14 Jul (SDB). **Others**: Mid Meadows (16, 14 M), 9 Jun (ABA); JP (4M & 3 territories, but no yg detected), thru season (PRC).

Painted Bunting

ESTL (singing M), 29 Jun (DMK). In historic nesting area.

Dickcissel

Breeding: Perdueville HA (Ford Co) (F carrying food to yg), 10 Jul (SDB). **MC**: 545, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 158, PrRdg-J, 10 Jun (JWW, CLH, RES); 125, Clement (Marion/Clinton Cos), 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); 103, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 96, PrRdg-M, 11 Jun (JWW, et al.); 81 (67 M), ColesCo Apt, 22 May (SDB); 78, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB); 70, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 2 Jul (DMK, MSS); 69, SFPK, 27 Jun (AH et al.); 62, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 56, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 55 (48 M), Perdueville HA (Ford Co), 10 Jul (SDB); 55, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 50, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 40, LostMound, 6 Jun (VMK, et al.); 33, CampPoint_, 1 Jun (VMK); 31, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 30, CarlL-C, 26-30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 25, *Wabash*, 21 Jul (DJS); 24, Moraine View SP (McLean Co), 14 Jun (MJW et al.); 24, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 23, Monticello_, 9 Jun (EJC); 21, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 20, BurntPrairie_, 9 Jun (VMK); 20, Fairbury_, 4 Jun (VMK). **Others**: NW *Winnebago* (19), 3 Jul (DTW); LSummerset_ (13), 14 Jun (DTW); Zion (2), 23 Jun (EWW); Waukegan (Lake Co) (4 territories; 1st time known to attempt nesting along lakefront [in empty, weedy lot]), 7-23 Jun (EWW); Rochelle (Ogle Co) (16), 3 Jul (DFS); Nachusa (15), 9 Jun (DRD); Montgomery (Kane Co) (9 M), 23 Jun (SDB); DeerGrove-E (7M), 30 Jun (BJS); PlumCrk (12 M), 10 Jun (ABA); 179th/Cen (2 M), 9 Jun (ABA); Chi (Northerly1) (8M), 2 Jul (DFS); Bensenville (closed landfill) (Cook Co) (M), 8 Jun (ABA); Orland Grasslands (Cook Co) (6), 16 Jun (WSS, SF); Pembroke Twp (18), 14 Jun (RDH); Pulaski_(14), 12 Jun (VMK); BeaverdamL_(11), 10 Jun (VMK). **Note**: Birds noted @ **Montrose** on 1,7,22, 24 Jun & 3,7, & 15 Jul (RDH), possibly wanderers mowed out of nesting fields to the north (or south?)? (SDB).

Bobolink

Breeding: West Branch FP (DuPage Co) (pr w/3 juv), 4 Aug (ABA); (SongbirdSl) (F w/food for juv), 23 Jul (ABA), MArb (M carrying food for yg into grass), season (WT); BusseWds (F w/food for juv & F w/nearby juv & at least 2 other juv near prs & lots of other juv/imm), 19 Jul (ABA). **MC**:

246, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 63, BusseWds, 19 Jul (ABA); 35, RollinsSav, 6 Jun (DRD et al.); 20, Orland Grasslands (Cook Co), 16 Jun (WSS, SF); 16, Nachusa, 7 Jun (VMK et al.); 13 (7 on 21 May), Perdueville HA (Ford Co), 10 Jul (SDB). **Others**: IBSP (6 M), 30 Jun (individuals flying south seemingly reverse migrating...after early nest failure?) (EWW); Nachusa (8), season (ABH); HerrickL (6M,F), 14 Jun (SO); SongbirdSl (7M), 8 Jun (ABA); 179th/Cen (9, 8M), 9 Jun (ABA); *Henry* 11 Jun (DFS); MidFork, 18 Jul (fide EJC); **PrRdg-J** (F), 4 & 9 Jun (CLH). Late migrants?; **Karl Bartel WS (Marion Co)**, 19 Jul (KAM). Early migrant? **Note**: Montrose, 12 Jun & 2 & 6 Jul (RDH), see comments under note in Dickcissel account (SDB).

Red-winged Blackbird

Breeding: West Branch FP (DuPage Co) (3 F feeding young juvs), 4 Aug (ABA); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (F feeding 2 juvs, 2nd F feeding juv, M w/food for yg, F w/food for yg & pr w/2 very yg juv), 1 Aug (ABA); SongbirdSl (F removing fecal sac & M feeding nestlings & 3 areas w/4 fledglings), 8 Jun (ABA); Bode Lks FP (Cook Co) (6 F w/food for yg), 20 Jun (SS); Montrose (many juvs & ad feeding fledgling), 11 & 28 Jul resp (GAW); JP (F followed by juv cowbird), 9 Aug (PRC); Old Plank Rd Trail (Matteson, Cook Co) (F incubating nest w/3 eggs), 30 May (SDB); KankakeePks (nest w/4 eggs), 17 May (JHH). **MC**: 992, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 842, Hoyleton (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 830, Kaskaskial (Randolph Co), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 798, Clement (Marion/Clinton Cos), 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); 600, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 600, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 2 Jul (DMK, MSS); 596, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 400, TwoRivers, 5 Jul (DMK); 342, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 291, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 278, Fairbury_, 4 Jun (VMK); 262, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 228, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 200, KLMSNA, 17 Jul (DMK); 175, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB); 169, Pontiac_, 5 Jun (VMK); 168, Montrose, 23 Jul (GAW); 163, Stillwell_, 2 Jun (VMK); 150, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 149, CampPoint_, 1 Jun (VMK); 148, East Branch FP (DuPage Co), 1 Aug (ABA); 148, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 148, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 127, BurntPrairie_, 9 Jun (VMK); 122, Monticello_, 9 Jun (EJC).

Eastern Meadowlark

Breeding: Durand (Winnebago Co) (4 ad w/5 yg), 18 Jul (DTW); JPPSP (ad feeding juv), 28 Jul (BD); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (2 juv & one very young hatchling), 1 Aug (ABA); SongbirdSL (pr w/ juv), 8 Jun (ABA); JPPSP (ad feeding juv), 28 Jul (BD); MArb (2 juvs barely capable of flight), season (WT); SpringCrk (pr w/juv), 6 Jun (ABA); Mid Meadows (ad bringing food to nest w/yg), 9 Jun (ABA); ColesCo Apt (ad on nest w/3 EAME eggs), 22 May (SDB). **MC**: 369, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 164, PrRdg-J, 10 Jun (JWW, et al.); 118, ColesCo Apt, 22 May-14 Jul (SDB); 85, Kell_, 6 Jun (SDB); 80, PrRdg-M, 11 Jun (JWW, et al.); 58, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 56 (33 M), Perdueville HA (Ford Co), 21 May-10 Jul (SDB); 46, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 43, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 38, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 36, *Marion/Clinton*, 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); 29, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB); 29, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 29, Hoyleton (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 27, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 22, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 20, Orland Grasslands (Cook Co), 16 Jun (WSS, SF).

Western Meadowlark

MC: 20, LostMound, 6 Jun (VMK, et al.); 12, Pontiac_, 5 Jun (VMK); 9 (M), SFPK, 27 Jun (ABH et al.). **Others**: Seward Twp (Winnebago Co) (2 singing M), 2 Aug (DTW); Leaf River Twp (Ogle Co) (2 singing M), 2 Aug (DTW); Prairie Green Wetlands (Geneva, Kane Co), 7 Jun (JHn); Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); Brookfield Twp (LaSalle Co) (3 M), 10-12 Jul (DRD, DJS); Stockland & Prairie Green Twps (Iroquois Co), 20 Jun (SDB); 176, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB). **Note**: "Very scarce in Winnebago Co this season" (DTW).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Breeding: Genoa Twp (DeKalb Co) (family group; pr w/imm M), 29 Aug (DTW, LGB). **MC**: 9 (6 M) & 6 (5 M), GooseL CA (McHenry Co), 29 May & 6 Jul (EWW & SDB resp). **Others**: RedwingSl (2 M), 14 Jun (SDB); RollinsSav (3), 6-23 Jun (DRD et al.); Prairie Green Wetlands (Geneva, Kane Co) (M), 7 Jun (JHn); Pratt'sWW, 3 Jun (DL); PaulDouglas (3M), 3 Jul (SI); Chi (NorthernyI) (F; wanderer after failed nesting?), 2 Jul (DFS); LCal (Eggers Grove FP) (3, M & 2 F), 27 Jun (WJM, FM); Fulton (Whiteside Co) (2 males), 5 Jun (VMK et al.); GreenR (M), 12 Jul (MJB); **MeadbrkPk** (migrant?), 5 Jul (BGS). **Note**: Much reduced numbers from most years.

Female Orchard Oriole, Buffalo Trace Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Champaign County. 19 June 2009. Photo by Ivan Petrov.

Juvenile Pine Siskin. DuPage County backyard. 7 June 2009. Photo by Vince Moxon

Brewer's Blackbird

Breeding: IBSP (11, pr + 3 yg + 6 others), 30 Jun (EWW); Genoa sod farm (DeKalb Co) (family group: pr w/imm M), 29 Aug (DTW, LGB). **Others**: Hampshire (Kane Co) (3 – 2 M), 29-30 May (EWW); JPPSP, 25 Jul (REF).

Common Grackle

Breeding: JPPSP (ad feeding imm), 28 Jul (BD); Montrose (many juvs & ad feeding fledgling), 11 & 28 Jul resp (GAW); JP (30, incl several juv), 1 Jul (PRC); BraidwoodL (male carrying food), 8 Jun (JHH). **MC**: 1,500, Neoga (Cumberland Co), 27 Jul (SDB); 1,200, KLMSNA, 17 Jul (DMK); 300, CarlL-C, 31 Jul (DMK, MSS); 273, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 242, Gifford Sanitary Plant (Champaign Co), 9 Jul (SDB); 234, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 169, Pontiac_, 5 Jun (VMK); 158, Fairbury_, 4 Jun (VMK); 154, Hotleton (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 153, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 120, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Brown-headed Cowbird

Breeding: See the following accounts for host species attending cowbird young: Red-eyed Vireo, Wood Thrush, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Indigo Bunting, Red-winged Blackbird & Orchard Oriole. **MC**: 200, CarlL-C, 31 Jul (DMK, MSS); 137, *Monroe*, 27 Jun (DMK, MSS); 66, Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB); 48, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 38, Pontiac_, 5 Jun (VMK); 27, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 25 (22 M), Lakewd, 9-24 Jun (SDB); 24, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 23 (15 M, 8 F), Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 12 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 23, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 23 (15 M, 8 F), SniderL & FoxL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun & 1 Jul (SDB); 22, Montrose, 29 Jul (GAW); 21, BraidwoodL, 10 Jun (JHH); 20, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 20, Athens_, 29 Jun (VMK); 19, KankakeePks, 18 Jul (JBH); 15 (10M, 4F, 1 fledgling), JP, 21 Jun (PRC, KMC).

Orchard Oriole

Breeding: IBSP (pr feeding grown yg & another pr w/2 yg), 30 Jun (EWW); ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co) (begging juvs w/ad prs), 12 Jul (DJS); DYNL (M feeding juv cowbird), 11 Jul (DJS); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (ad carrying food), 12 Jul (J&JZ); MArb (2 juvs perched in hedgerows), season (WT); Orland Grasslands (Cook Co) (3 M, one bringing food to nest), 16 Jun (WSS); Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co) (pr @ nest), 31 May (DJS); Moraine View SP (McLean Co) (pr @ nest), 14 Jun (MJW et al.). **MC**: 14, IBSP (North Unit) (mostly F & imms, eating mulberries), 26 Jul (SDB, SLD); 11, Des Plaines CA & Midewin (Will Co), 5 Jul (RDH); 11, *Monroe*, 11 Jul (DMK, MSS); 10, Shabbona Lk SP (DeKalb Co), 12 Jul (DJS); 10, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 9, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 8, Pulaski_, 12 Jun (VMK); 6, BraidwoodL, 27 Jun & 1 Jul (5 M) (JHH); 6, CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK); 6 (M), Levee Rd (Union Co), 2 Jul (SDB); 5, Midewin, 20 Jun (BJS); 5 (M), Milford_, 20 Jun (SDB). **Others**: SugarR Alder FP (Winnebago Co) (3), 10 Jun (DTW); Rckfd airport quarry (4 imm), 1 Aug (DTW); Glacial Pk (McHenry Co) (3), 9 Jun (BJS); Zion (Lake Co) (pr), 21 Jul (EWW); Nachusa (2 M, F), season (ABH); Prairie Green Wetlands (Geneva, Kane Co) (1st yr), 7 Jun (JHn); Campton FP (Kane Co) (2 M, F), Jun (JJD); SongbirdSl (ad M & 1st yr M), 8 Jun (ABA); The Grove NHL (Cook Co) (1st yr M), 6 Jun (JPL); Bode Lks FP (Cook Co) (F), 20 Jun (SS); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (3 M), 29 May (SDB); South Green Belt FP (Rich Twp, Cook Co) (2 M), 30 May (SDB); Little Red Schoolhouse NC (Palos) (3), 4 Jul (KKM); TurtleheadL FP (Cook Co) (3M,F), 13 Jun

Eurasian Tree Sparrow, Heyworth. McLean County. 21 July 2009. Photo by Emily Wheeler.

(RLS); LCal (Eggers Grove FP) (ad M), 20 Jun (WJM); JP (1st spring male singing on same territory of successful nestings in previous 4 seasons but not noted afterward), 20-26 May (SF, PRC); HeideckeL (Grundy Co) (2), 11 Jul (DFS); *Iroquois*, 26 Jun (CAT); HomerL (4 including fledgling), 3 Jul (fide EJC); Riverbend (3 incl pr), 13 Jul (fide EJC).

Baltimore Oriole

Breeding: MArb (nest overhanging bridge (WT) & (F feeding a yg oriole @ 2 locations), 6 Jul (M&LN); PlumCrk (pr nest building), 9 May (MM); LArlington (Cook Co) (M feeding 2 yg), 1 Jul (JCB); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co) (juv), 21 Jul (SG); Wampum Lk FP (Cook Co) (pr nest building), 9 May (ABA); Palos (ad feeding yg), 4 Jul (KKM); Montrose (active nest @ golf course pond & near-grown fledgling & feeding fledgling), 21 May & 13 Jul & 28 Jul resp (GAW); LCal (Eggers Grove FP) (family group of 3), 28 Jul (WJM); JP (2 nests), 17 Jun (PRC, KMC), w/yg out of nests by 17 Jul (PRC); BraidwoodL (male w/food), 8 Jun & 2 Fs w/ food 22 Jun (JHH); HomerL (4 incl fledgling), 3 Jul (fide EJC). **MC**: 14, *Marshall*, 14 Jul (TE); 11, Montrose, 21 May (GAW); 9, JP, 1 Jul (PRC); 7 (4M), Mid Meadows, 9 Jun (ABA); 7, BraidwoodL, 22 Jun-1 Jul (JHH); 7, KankakeeR SP (Will & Kankakee Cos), 20 Jun (RDH); 6, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 5, RollinsSav, 14 Jun (SBB); 5, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, *Jo Daviess*, 4 Jul (CAT, TLK); 4 (M), SongbirdSl, 8 Jun (ABA); 4 (M), SpringCrk, 6 Jun (ABA); 4, Beaucoup_, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, *Monroe*, 11 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Jarvis (pr), season (LGM).

House Finch

Breeding: Lake Villa (Lake Co) (nest w/5 eggs in last years old Barn Swallow nest on porch shelf), 22 Apr & pr feeding yg by 6 May (RB); St. Charles (Kane Co) (ad @ nest on porch w/4 week old yg), 24 Apr (SAC); Montrose (ad feeding fledgling), 28 Jul (GAW); JP (brood of 3 begging juv, likely hatched out in nearby Hyde Pk), 2 Aug (PRC). **MC**: 24, Montrose, 29 Jul (GAW); 8, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Pine Siskin

Breeding: Anna Page Pk (Rckfd, Winnebago Co) (F collecting dog hair, brushed from pet dog, for nest building, while M watched nearby), 4 Apr (DTW); Mundelein (Lake Co) (pr feeding juv @ feeder in yard), 3 May (SDB, SLD); Libertyville (Adler Memorial Pk, Lake Co) (M following F looking for nest material), 15 Mar (SDB); Mundelein (St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Lake Co) (F building nest in spruce, w/6+ other M performing courtship flights near F, some also gathering nest material), 21 Mar & many M/prs performing other courtship singing and behavior including carrying nest material, 15 Mar (SDB); Mundelein (Lake Co) (M display behavior & pr cop), 15 Mar (EL); Salamander Springs OSL (Kane Co) (M singing atop 2 spruces w/F flying into one spruce w/nest material), 22 Mar (RCR, NPB); Genoa (DeKalb Co) (pr gathering nest material), 6 May (KML); Downers Grove (DuPage Co) continuously present in yard thru season w/ pr feeding fledglings in mid-May & species continued in yard thru 1 Aug (REF); CBG (pr building nest in Scots pine), 14 Mar (MJH); Glenview (Cook Co) (fledgling @ feeder), 22 May (REP); Downers Grove (DuPage Co) (pr feeding/juv), 9 May-Jun (LBR); Warrenville (DuPage Co) (F collecting moss out of feeder liner & flying off followed by M), 19 Mar (DHy) & fledgling w/6 ad at neighbors feeders, 12 May (MRB); Wheaton (DuPage Co) (pr w/ at least one juv coming to yard feeders), 1-7 Jun (VM ph). **Others**: Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (5), 26 Mar (w/2 M 17 Apr) (EWW); Lakewd (2), 10 Jun (SDB); Montrose (post-breeding migrant?), 4 Jun (RDH); Big Rock (Kane Co), 28 May (SDB); Palatine (Cook Co) (3), 9 Jun (CSF); MArb (singing M on territory), 8-17 May (J&JZ); Montrose, 4 Jun (RDH); Geneseo (Henry Co) (9 territories), 22 Mar (EWW); Moraine View SP (McLean Co) (associating w/M A. Goldfinch, almost like paired), 14 Jun (MJW). **Note**: Most previous Illinois nesting attempts have begun in March & April. "More prs, territories, courtship behavior and nesting noticed than I've seen... likely unprecedented numbers of breeding birds in Illinois this season. This follows a huge, widespread winter invasion in Illinois, the Midwest and most areas far to the south" (SDB).

American Goldfinch

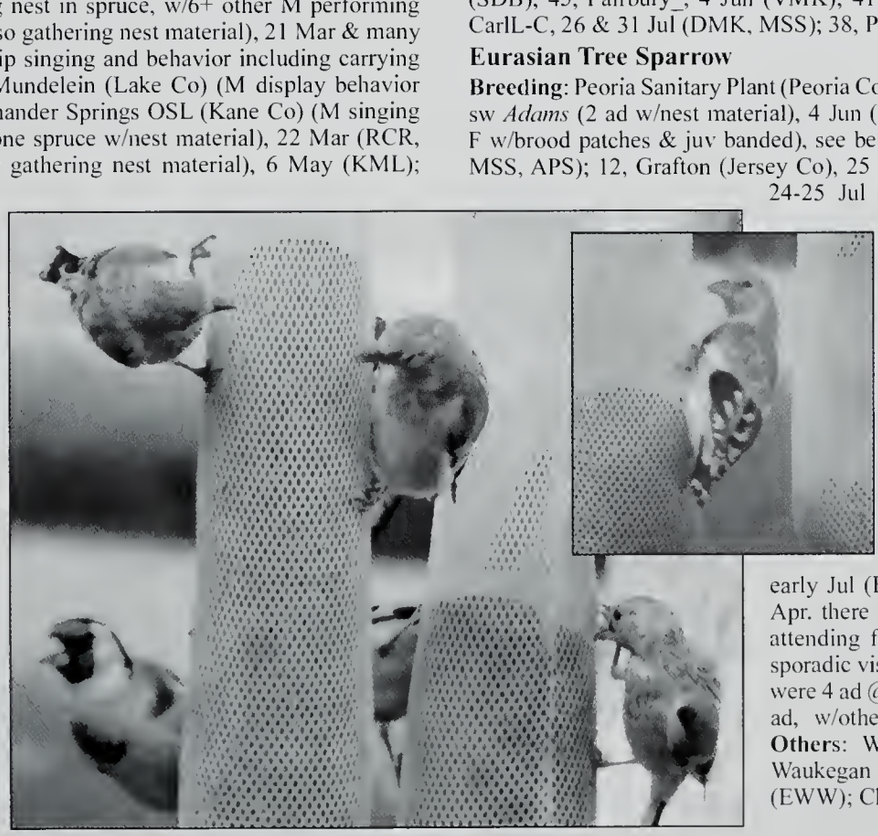
Breeding: West Branch FP (DuPage Co) (pr nest building), 4 Aug (ABA); CBG (M feeding juv w/feeder thistle & M w/food for yg & 4 other juvs), 29 Aug & (ad feeding yg), 12 Sep (ABA); BusseWds (pr gathering thistle down for nest building), 19 Jul (ABA); KankakeePks (F w/nest material), 26 Jun (JHH). **MC**: 59, Monticello_, 9 Jun (EJC); 52, West Branch FP (DuPage Co), 4 Aug (ABA); 49, *Monroe*, 25 Jul (CAT, TLK); 47, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 43 (30M, 13 F), East Branch FP (DuPage Co), 1 Aug (ABA); 40+, CBG, 29 Aug (ABA); 30, LCal, 14 Jun (WJM); 26, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 22, MBC, 7 Jul (MEF); 21, BraidwoodL, 24 Jun (JHH); 20, RedwingSl, 14 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); 19, Kaskaskia1 (Randolph Co), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 18, RollinsSav, 14 Jun (SBB); 17, SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 1 Jul (SDB);16, Rich Twp (Cook Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 14, KankakeeR SP, 1 Jun (JHH); 10, Dudleyville_, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, RamseyL SP (Fayette Co), 12 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, KLMSNA, 17 Jul (DMK); 10, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS).

House Sparrow

Breeding: Mundelein (Lake Co) (non-cavity, globular nest in tree), 28 Jun (SDB); Park Ridge (Cook Co) (F feeding fledgling), 4 Jun (JLh ph); Montrose (feeding fledgling), 28 Jul (GAW); HomerL (ad on nest), 4 Jun (fide EJC). **MC**: 536, *Marion/Clinton*, 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); 391, Hoyleton (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 151, St. Morgan_, 6 Jun (KAM); 102, Montrose, 29 Jul (GAW); 98, Columbia_, 7 Jun (KAM); 74, Athens_, 29 Jun (VMK); 56, Monticello_, 9 Jun (EJC); 54, Martinsville_, 7 Jun (SDB); 45, Fairbury_, 4 Jun (VMK); 41 (incl yg), JP, 19 Jul (PRC); 40, CarlL-C, 26 & 31 Jul (DMK, MSS); 38, Pontiac_, 5 Jun (VMK).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Breeding: Peoria Sanitary Plant (Peoria Co) (ad feeding yg), 14 Aug (MHB); sw *Adams* (2 ad w/nest material), 4 Jun (AGD); **Shirley (McLean Co)** (2 F w/brood patches & juv banded), see below. **MC**: 12, HL, 3 Jun (DMK, MSS, APS); 12, Grafton (Jersey Co), 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 8, TwoRivers, 24-25 Jul (KAM, DMK, MSS). **Others**: **Annawan (Henry Co)** (ad), 25 Jul (EWW); St. Morgan_ (3), 6 Jun (KAM). **Eastern edge of range**: **Shirley (McLean Co)** (4), 25 Jun (VMK); **Heyworth Centennial Pk (McLean Co)** (pr & juv banded), 21-22 Jul (EW fide SDB). **NBSO**: **Montrose**, 29 Jul (RDH).



Inset: Juvenile European Goldfinch, Waukegan, Lake County. June 2009.

Adult and juvenile European Goldfinches, Waukegan, Lake County. June 2009. Photos by Ellen Powell.

EXOTICS:

European Goldfinch

Breeding: Waukegan (Lake Co) (4 ad w/4 juv at feeders), early Jul (EP ph). During the first week in Apr. there were 8 adults @ feeder, w/some attending feeder regularly thru Jul, w/more sporadic visits thru late August. In 2008 there were 4 ad @ feeders, and in 2007 there were2 ad, w/other occasional visits before that. **Others**: WinthropH (pr), 21 Jul (EWW); Waukegan (Lake Co) (3pr + ad), 16-17 Jul (EWW); Chi (Gompers Pk), 12 Jun (BSh).

LATE SPRING DEPARTURES

Greater Yellowlegs
LD: 6 Jun, Mt. Erie (Wayne Co) (CLH).

Willet
LD: 2 Jun, Montrose (RDH).

Hudsonian Godwit
LD: 5 Jun, SantaFe (DMK, MSS).

Semipalmated Sandpiper
LD: 19 Jun, *Wabash* (CLH); 12 Jun, SantaFe (DMK); 9 Jun, Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH).

White-rumped Sandpiper
LD: 11 Jun (10), Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH).

Pectoral Sandpiper
LD: 6 Jun, Mt. Erie (Wayne Co) (CLH); 5 Jun, SantaFe (DMK, MSS).

Dunlin
LD: Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo
LD: 20 Jun, Montrose (ABB).

Olive-sided Flycatcher
LD: 12 Jun, IBSP (Sand Pond) (KKM); 11 Jun, Big River SF (Henderson Co) (DFS); 11 Jun, Hopedale Twp (Tazewell Co) (KBR); 9 Jun, Chi (ABB); 9 Jun, Kankakee River SP (JHH); 6 Jun, Concordia Cem (Forest Park, Cook Co) (RAM & ALM).

Eastern Wood-Pewee
LD: 14 Jun, JP, (PRC); 8 Jun (7), Chi (Field Museum) (DFS).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
LD: 15 Jun, Campton FP (Kane Co) (ABH); 11 Jun, Hopedale Twp (Tazewell Co) (KBR); 8 Jun (4), Chi (Field Museum) (DFS); 7 Jun, JP (PRC); 5 Jun, Dudleyville_ (DMK, MSS).

Alder Flycatcher
LD: 12 Jun (2), Fermi (DL); 12 Jun, GreeneVal, (MAM), 9 Jun, Campton FP (Kane Co) (AH); 8 Jun (4), Chi (Field Museum) (DFS).

Willow Flycatcher
LD: 8 Jun, Chi (Field Museum) (DFS).

Great Crested Flycatcher
LD: 12 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 8 Jun, Chi (Field Museum) (DFS).

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Western Tanager. Mahomet, Champaign County. 28 May 2008. Photo by Mary Alexander.

Eastern Kingbird
LD: 8 Jun (3), Chi (Field Museum) (DFS).

Red-eyed Vireo
LD: 8 Jun (4), Chi (Field Museum) (DFS); 1 Jun (2), Montrose (RDH).

Swainson's Thrush
LD: 8 Jun, Chi (Field Museum) (DFS); 2 Jun, JP (PRC).

Tennessee Warbler
LD: 21 Jun, MeadbrkPk (BGS).

Nashville Warbler
LD: 9 Jun, Northbrook (Cook Co) (AR); SpringCrk (female), 6 Jun (ABA).

Yellow Warbler
LD: 8 Jun, Chi (Field Museum) (DFS).

Chestnut-sided Warbler
LD: 4 Jun (F), Sang (HDB).

Magnolia Warbler
LD: 10 Jun (singing M), JP (PRC); 8 Jun Chi (Field Museum) (DFS); 4 Jun, Midewin (GN ph, JRRS).

Yellow-rumped Warbler
LD: 8 Jun (F), Chi (Field Museum) (DFS).

Black-throated Green Warbler
LD: 11 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 8 Jun (M), Chi (Field Museum) (DFS); 6 Jun, (IBSP) (AFS, RE, PS).

Blackburnian Warbler
LD: 12 Jun (M), El Paso (Woodford Co) (MJW).

Blackpoll Warbler
LD: 14 Jun, Downers Grove (DuPage Co) (REF); 8 Jun, Chi (Field Museum) (DFS).

American Redstart
LD: 14 Jun (singing M), JP (PRC); 8 Jun, Chi (Field Museum) DFS).

Northern Waterthrush
LD: 3 Jun, Montrose & NoP (RDH & GAW resp).

Connecticut Warbler
LD: 7 Jun, Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co) (KBR); 3 Jun, ESTL (DMK, MSS, APS).

Mourning Warbler
LD: **30 Jun**, Chi (Soldier Field) (DWd); 11 Jun, The Grove NHL (Cook Co), (BJS); 8 Jun, Chi (Field Museum) (DFS).

Wilson's Warbler
LD: 8 Jun, Chi (Field Museum) (DFS); 8 Jun (2), Montrose (RDH).

Canada Warbler
LD: 9 Jun, Bloomington (Ewing Pk) (MJW).

White-throated Sparrow
LD: 8 Jun, Midewin (fide BG).

Dark-eyed Junco
LD: 8 Jun, Chi (Grant Pk) (DFS).

Indigo Bunting
LD: 8 Jun, Chi (Field Museum) (DFS).

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Remembering Arlo Raim, *continued from page 1*

is to the ornithological community as well as to his friends and the conservation movement.

Arlo lived with his cherished dogs in a trailer partially heated with solar energy near Kickapoo State Park. He practiced a life of simple frugality only buying what he absolutely needed and recycling or making use of what others would call trash. He recently helped construct radio towers, which were brought to Mexico and erected to track the signals of neotropical migrants entering the Yucatan. Arlo, I'm told, climbed the 50- to 75-foot high radio towers to make sure they were set up properly, while younger ornithologists stood on terra firma in amazement.

Arlo also followed crows in early spring from their Champaign winter roosting areas all the way to northern Michigan. He tracked a Sora that took off in the middle of a spring thunderstorm in Champaign and flew northwest until it landed in a marsh near the Quad Cities.

There are people all around us doing great things quietly and sometimes considered to be different and therefore not to be well regarded. We should embrace all the Arlo Raims of the world and not wait until they are gone to realize how important they are.

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